

**From:** Wahlman, Jason <jason.wahlman@mercer.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 19, 2022 5:24 PM  
**To:** Smith, Rick; Brown, Holly M  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Request for meeting

Rick,

I want to confirm we received your e-mail and are working on a response.

Jason

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**From:** Smith, Rick [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 19, 2022 9:41 AM  
**To:** Wahlman, Jason <jason.wahlman@mercer.com>; Brown, Holly M <holly.brown@mercer.com>  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Request for meeting  
**Importance:** High

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Could you help me respond to these questions? Thanks

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**From:** Ahrens, Kristin [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022 2:47 PM  
**To:** Smith, Rick <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Request for meeting  
**Importance:** High

Before I respond to her – are #1 and #2 accurate?  
Do you know what she is talking about with #3?  
#4 – does Mercer have this and can we get it loaded?

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**From:** Sherri Landis <[slandis@thearcpa.org](mailto:slandis@thearcpa.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022 2:43 PM  
**To:** Ahrens, Kristin [REDACTED] >  
**Cc:** Gaylor, Elizabeth [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [External] Request for meeting  
**Importance:** High

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Hello Kristin,

Thank you for the recent information on AWC wage ranges. After preliminary discussion on the impact to AWC rates, I have been asked by our Chapters to reach out to see if you would be available for a meeting. We would like to address the following concerns:

1. For some services the wage to the worker established in the ODP set wage ranges are higher than the AWC provider bill rate for some services and that must be fixed. We can't be paid less than we pay the worker.
2. For some services the wage ranges set by ODP are so close to the AWC bill rate that they don't allow the

- provider to pay the worker and then have enough \$ to cover the other costs/expenses associated with the service.
3. Several service discrepancies from 2016 were not fixed.
  4. There was no rate assumption for the AWC administrative fee. We can't evaluate a fee schedule rate without the rate assumptions.
  5. There does not appear to a rate change to compensate for losses due to the rounding issue.

I realize comments are due very soon and hope you have time to discuss our concerns.

Sherri Landis

Executive Director

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