

## M-SARA Proposed Modifications to SARA Policy Process<sup>1</sup>

### SECTION 9. PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO SARA POLICY

#### 9.1 Drafting of Proposed Modifications to SARA Policy

- a. The Regional Steering Committee shall maintain a SARA Policy Modification Working Group whose charge is to draft proposed policy modifications for SARA policy to put forward through the NC-SARA Policy Modification Process.
- b. Upon the conclusion of the Fall NC-SARA Board Meeting, M-SARA staff shall poll the Regional Steering Committee and State Portal Entities for potential policy modifications to SARA policy. The M-SARA staff will collect and organize potential policy modifications to present to the SARA Policy Modification Working Group.
- c. Upon the NC-SARA general call for proposed policy modifications the M-SARA Regional Steering Committee shall finalize any proposed policy modifications approved by the RSC to be submitted through the NC-SARA Policy Modification Process. The RSC Chair and M-SARA staff are responsible for submitting the proposals by the deadline set in the NC-SARA schedule.

#### 9.2 Review of Proposed Modifications to SARA Policy

- a. In alignment with the NC-SARA schedule, the regional compact staff and RSC leadership shall meet in an inter-regional meeting to identify potential alignment of similar proposals submitted to the NC-SARA Policy Modification Process. This is to avoid duplication of proposals as much as possible.
- b. The RSC will designate a member(s) to present any proposed M-SARA RSC policy modifications at the public forum hosted by NC-SARA.
- c. In alignment with the NC-SARA schedule, the M-SARA RSC must vote to withdraw or amend any of the M-SARA RSC policy modification proposals.
- d. The RSC chair or MHEC staff member will submit any request to withdraw or amend an M-SARA RSC policy modification proposal approved by the RSC before the due date set by NC-SARA.
- e. The M-SARA RSC will conduct two reviews prior to voting
  1. The first review occurs after all submissions are in the portal for providing feedback to the proposers.
  2. A second review takes place after the final amendment period closes to see which proposals have been withdrawn or amended.
  3. Additional reviews may be needed and will be scheduled accordingly.

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<sup>1</sup> Excerpted from the *M-SARA Regional Steering Committee Policy and Process Manual*, page 20.

### 9.3 Voting on Policy Modification Proposals

- a. The M-SARA RSC then meets several times as deemed by the RSC chair to vote on the policy modification proposals before the NC-SARA scheduled deadline.
- b. The requirement for determining actions is a majority of votes cast by eligible RSC members present, provided quorum is met.