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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING STATE WAIVER IMPLEMENTATION FOR INTERMEDIATE CARE AND SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES

Background:
On April 23, 2020, Department of Health and Senior Services Director, Dr. Randall W Williams, MD, FACOG, signed an Executive Order to temporarily waive or suspend certain statutory requirements and administrative rules pertaining to Intermediate Care and Skilled Nursing Facilities. Complete orders may be viewed on the Department website: www.health.mo.gov

Until May 15, 2020, unless otherwise modified by the Department, the following regulations have been modified and guidance is being provided on how DHSS- Section for Long-Term Care Regulation (SLCR) will implement the waiver. Questions related to these waivers can be emailed to RegulationUnit@health.mo.gov .

Administrative, Personnel and Resident Care Requirements

19 CSR 30-85.042(27) shall be waived to the extent that the provisions require new and existing intermediate care and skilled nursing facilities to comply with the testing of residents and staff/employees for tuberculosis as set forth in 19 CSR 20-20.010 through 19 CSR 20-20.100.**Note: Facilities may employ individuals prior to completing tuberculin testing, however, they must complete an assessment for signs and symptoms of possible TB. Individuals showing signs and symptoms shall be instructed to see their physician or local public health department, prior to working in the facility. Once the waiver ends, employees or residents who required testing and were not tested, must be tested. SLCR expects the testing to be completed within a *reasonable* time period, *usually* within 30 days.**