April 8, 2020

As Director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (“Department”), pursuant to Executive Orders 20-02 and 20-04, I am vested with the authority to temporarily waive or suspend the operation of any statutory requirement or administrative rule, upon approval of the Office of the Governor. After consultation with and receiving approval from the Office of the Governor, I am hereby waiving the following laws in order to assist the state, and its citizens prepare and respond to COVID-19 until May 15, 2020, unless otherwise modified by the Department.

Access to DHSS Data

Sections 192.067 and 192.667, RSMo, 19 CSR 10-33.010, and 19 CSR 20-20.020, shall be waived to the extent necessary to allow any person or entity receiving approval from the Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services to access information in the possession of the department, for the sole purpose of reviewing COVID-19 data and conducting statistical analysis. No data shall be published by any person or entity without the written approval of the department. As required by law, all persons or entities receiving such approval shall maintain the confidentiality of any data accessed. Prior to any person or entity accessing data under this waiver, such person or entity shall agree to and abide by the department’s business associate agreement in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

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