April 9, 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.

Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and Physician Assistants

Section 197.400(3), RSMo, and 19 CSR 30-26.010(1)(A) shall be waived to the extent that the provisions require only a physician to order home health services at the residence of patients, including writing and signing a plan of treatment for these patients. This waiver shall allow advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to also be able to order home health services at the residence of patients, including writing and signing a plan of treatment for these patients.

Section 19 CSR 30-35.010(1)(A)1 shall be waived to the extent the provisions define “attending physician” to be only a person licensed as a doctor of medicine or osteopathy in this state or a bordering state throughout 19 CSR 30-35.010. This waiver shall allow advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to also be attending physicians and complete the requirements of an attending physician in 19 CSR 30-35.010.

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