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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.

Certified Medication Technician Training Program

19 CSR 30-84.020(5) shall be waived to the extent the provisions require clinical practice, a final written examination and a minimum two (2) hour final practicum examination to be conducted in a licensed intermediate care facility or skilled nursing facility. This waiver shall allow clinical practice, the final written examination and a minimum two (2) hour final practicum examination to be conducted in a laboratory setting rather than in a licensed intermediate care facility or skilled nursing facility.

19 CSR 30-84.020(6)(B) shall be waived to the extent the provisions require students who drop the certified medication training course due to illness or incapacity to have to reenroll within six (6) months from the date the student withdrew from the course. This waiver allows an additional two (2) months after the state of emergency has ended for a student who drops the certified medication training course due to illness or incapacity the ability to reenroll.

19 CSR 30-84.020(7)(A) shall be waived to the extent the provisions require the challenge approval letters to be valid for one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of the department's approval. This waiver allows an additional two (2) months after the state of emergency has ended for the challenge approval letters to be valid.

19 CSR 30-84.020(7)(B) shall be waived to the extent the provisions require an individual who has successfully completed a professional or practical nursing program and who has not yet taken or received the results of the state licensure examination to have to request a qualifying letter from the Department's Health Education Unit in order to allow the individual to administer medication in a long term care facility. This waiver shall allow an individual who has successfully completed a professional or practical nursing program who has not yet taken or received the results of the state licensure examination the ability to administer medications without requesting and receiving a qualifying letter from the Department. The facility shall maintain documentation that the individual successfully completed a professional or practical nursing program.

19 CSR 30-84.020(7)(C) shall be waived to the extent the provisions require an individual to not administer medications without the instructor present until the individual has successfully completed the challenge examination and holds an authorized signed certified course evaluation record. This waiver

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allows individuals who have successfully completed the challenge examination and who hold an authorized CMT Course Evaluation Record to administer medications without an instructor present.

19 CSR 30-84.020(7)(C) shall be waived to the extent the provisions require an authorized signed certified medication technician course evaluation record to be good for up to sixty (60) calendar days from the examination date pending receipt of the certificate or of listing on the Missouri certified nurse aide registry as an active certified medication technician. This waiver allows the authorized signed certified medication technician course evaluation record to be valid an additional two (2) months after the state of emergency has ended.

19 CSR 30-84.020(9)(B) shall be waived to the extent necessary to allow classroom training via webinar or other online instructional platform.

19 CSR 30-84.020(10)(D) shall be waived to the extent the provisions require the practicum examination to include preparing and administering all non-parenteral routes and documenting administration of medication to residents. This waiver shall allow the practicum examination to occur in a laboratory setting with an actor in place rather than with a long term care resident.

19 CSR 30-84.020(10)(F) shall be waived to the extent the provisions only allow a challenge examination to be taken one (1) time. This waiver shall allow a student to retake the challenge examination twice within one hundred eighty (180) days.

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