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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.

Hospital Licensure Regulations

19 CSR 30-20.050(2)(C) shall be waived allowing a hospital to adopt a policy restricting the presence of visitors to combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Such policy shall allow immediate contacts or next of kin to visit patients, if reasonable under the circumstances.

19 CSR 30-20.092 shall be waived to the extent necessary for hospitals to deviate from the diversion plans in order to more efficiently move patients to alternate sites of care, including those outside the boundaries of the hospital’s written plan.

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