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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.

**Waivers Related to Trauma, Stroke and STEMI Designated Hospitals**

19 CSR 30-40.420(2)(G), 19 CSR 30-40.720(F) and (G), and 19 CSR 30-40.750(2)(F) and (G), this waiver suspends Department designation reviews required for trauma, stroke, and STEMI designated hospitals and allows applications to be sent in after the required time period in order to free up hospital resources to respond to COVID-19. Trauma, stroke, and STEMI reviews conducted on state designated hospitals take approximately 1-2 days for each review depending on the level of the center. These reviews require a lot of time for hospital staff to prepare for the review and to be available during the review. Further, the Department uses qualified contractors (physicians and nurses) from Missouri and other states to conduct these designation reviews. This waiver allows hospitals applying to the Department for renewal designation to continue to be designated until the Department can review these hospitals.

19 CSR 30-40.420(2)(A), 19 CSR 30-40.720(2)(A) and (B), 19 CSR 30-40.750(2)(A) and (B), this waives the requirement that hospitals requesting to be reviewed and designated by the Department as a trauma center, stroke center, or a STEMI center shall prepare forms created by the Department. It shall be waived to the extent necessary to allow hospitals an additional (90) days after the state of emergency has concluded to submit their applications to renew their trauma, stroke, and STEMI center designations.

19 CSR 30-40.420(3), 19 CSR 30-40.720(3), and 19 CSR 30-40.750(3), trauma, stroke and STEMI centers may also apply to the Department to be trauma, stroke and STEMI centers through an alternate designation process by private organizations. This waiver allows hospitals applying to the Department for renewal designation through this alternate pathway process may continue to be designated until these private certifying organizations can review these hospitals. This shall not apply for those hospitals initially applying with the private certifying organization, including those hospitals which have had a consultative survey.

190.241.3, RSMo, and 19 CSR 30-40.420(2)(J), shall be waived to the extent necessary to temporarily suspend the requirement that an onsite/validation review occur on trauma centers every five years. The Department shall temporarily suspend all state trauma designation

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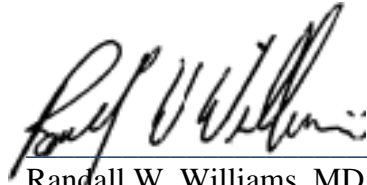
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reviews with the exception of those necessary to maintain public health and safety and those considered to be immediate jeopardy situations, during the declared emergency period.

19 CSR 30-40.720(2)(D)2, shall be waived to the extent necessary to temporarily suspend the requirement that an onsite/validation review occur on stroke centers every four years. The Department shall temporarily suspend all state stroke designation reviews with the exception of those necessary to maintain public health and safety and those considered to be immediate jeopardy situations, during the declared emergency period.

19 CSR 30-40.750(2)(D)2, shall be waived to the extent necessary to temporarily suspend the requirement that an onsite/validation review occur on STEMI centers every three years. The Department shall temporarily suspend all state STEMI designation reviews with the exception of those necessary to maintain public health and safety and those considered to be immediate jeopardy situations, during the declared emergency period.

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