April 14, 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.

**Intermediate Care and Skilled Nursing Facilities**

19 CSR 30-85.052(14) shall be waived to the extent that the provisions require sufficient personnel properly training in their duties to assure adequate preparation and serving of food in new and existing intermediate care and skilled nursing facilities. This waiver allows a facility to train individuals on the spot to provide adequate preparation and serving of food.

19 CSR 30-85.052(16) shall be waived to the extent that the provisions require menus for special prescribed diets to be reviewed and approved in writing by either a qualified dietician, a registered nurse or a physician in new and existing intermediate care and skilled nursing facilities. This waiver allows for the facility to obtain verbal orders from the qualified dietician, registered nurse or physician of the special prescribed diets.

19 CSR 30-85.052(21) shall be waived to the extent that the provisions require new and existing intermediate care and skilled nursing facilities to plan menus at least two (2) weeks in advance.

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