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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING STATE WAIVER IMPLEMENTATION FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES**

**Background:**

On April 23, 2020, Department of Health and Senior Services Director, Dr. Randall W Williams, MD, FACOG, signed an Executive Order to temporarily waive or suspend certain statutory requirements and administrative rules pertaining to Residential Care Facilities and Assisted Living Facilities. Complete orders may be viewed on the Department website: [www.health.mo.gov](http://www.health.mo.gov)

**Until May 15, 2020, unless otherwise modified by the Department, the following regulations have been modified and guidance is being provided on how DHSS- Section for Long-Term Care Regulation will implement the waivers. Questions related to these waivers can be emailed to [RegulationUnit@health.mo.gov](mailto:RegulationUnit@health.mo.gov) .**

19 CSR 30-86.022(3) shall be waived to the extent that the provisions require fire extinguishers to be maintained in assisted living facilities and residential care facilities. This waiver allows the required maintenance of fires extinguishers by an outside vendor to be delayed. Facilities have until two (2) months after the state of emergency has concluded to be current with the required maintenance of fire extinguishers.\* **Waiver ends 5/1/2021. Facilities have until 7/1/2021 to attain necessary inspections.**

19 CSR 30-86.022(4)(A) and (C) shall be waived to the extent that the provisions require the range hood extinguishing system to be tested and maintained and the range hood to be certified at least twice annually in assisted living facilities and residential care facilities. This waiver allows the required maintenance and certification by an outside vendor to be delayed. Facilities have until two (2) months after the state of emergency has concluded to be current with the required maintenance and certification of range hood extinguishing systems.\* **Waiver ends 5/1/2021. Facilities have until 7/1/2021 to attain necessary inspections.**

19 CSR 30-86.022(5)(D) shall be waived to the extent that the provisions require assisted living facilities and residential care facilities to conduct unannounced fire drills and a resident evacuation at least once a year. This waiver allows all fire drills during the state of emergency to be announced. This waiver allows facilities to delay the resident evacuation. Facilities have until two (2) months after the end of the state emergency too be current on the resident evacuation.

19 CSR 30-86.022(9)(C) and (D) shall be waived to the extent that the provisions require inspections and written certifications of the complete fire alarm system by an approved qualified service

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representative, at least annually in assisted living facilities and residential care facilities. This waiver allows the required inspections and certifications to be delayed. Facilities have until two (2) months after the end of the state of emergency to be current on the required inspections and written certifications for complete fire alarm systems.\* **Waiver ends 5/1/2021. Facilities have until 7/1/2021 to attain necessary inspections.**

19 CSR 30-86.022(11)(D),(E) and (F) and §198.074.2-4 RSMo., shall be waived to the extent that the provisions require inspections and written certifications of the sprinkler system by an approved qualified service representative, at least annually in assisted living facilities and residential care facilities. Facilities have until two (2) months after the end of the state of emergency to be current on the required inspections and certifications of the sprinkler system.\* **Waiver ends 5/1/2021. Facilities have until 7/1/2021 to attain necessary inspections.**

### **Physical Plant**

19 CSR 30-86.032(13) shall be waived to the extent that the provisions require assisted living facilities and residential care facilities to have a qualified electrician inspect the wiring in the facility every two (2) years. This waiver allows the required inspection by a qualified electrician to be delayed. Facilities have until two (2) months after the state of emergency has concluded to be current with the required inspection of wiring in the facility. **Waiver ends 5/1/2021. Facilities have until 7/1/2021 to attain necessary inspections.**

**\*These waivers apply to routine inspections and certifications. Upon discovery of a fault, with any fire safety system, the facility must immediately correct the fault and implement a fire watch, when required by the regulations. Waiver ends 5/1/2021. Facilities have until 7/1/2021 to attain necessary inspections.**