

# Overview of COVID-19 Waivers & Actions for Health Care Providers and Facilities

## Health Care Facility Waivers

### Governor Proclamation

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<b>Certificate of Need</b>	Waives the requirement for a Certificate of Need (CN) to increase bed capacity and projects undertaken to provide surge capacity for COVID-19 response. Applies to: hospices and hospice care centers, hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, nursing homes, kidney disease treatment centers, ambulatory surgical facilities, and home health agencies. Also waives some CN application deadlines to allow for necessary delay due to COVID-19. The department has filed emergency rules to continue extending the CN application deadlines, see below WSR 20-10-032.	<a href="#">20-36</a> <a href="#">20-36.2</a>	3/30/2020	7/8/2020 or Termination of state of emergency	Original end date: 4/29/20 Extended twice by legislature.
<b>Hospital licensing, certificate of need, and construction review requirements</b>	Waives and suspends some hospital licensing requirements for in-hospital surge and alternative care sites. As examples, waivers address construction review, fire inspection (which have been temporarily suspended by the Fire Marshal), and MRSA protocol to conserve PPE.	<a href="#">20-36</a> <a href="#">20-36.2</a>	3/30/2020	7/8/2020 or Termination of state of emergency	Original end date: 4/29/20 Extended twice by legislature.
<b>Pharmacy requirements</b>	Waives the limitation of a pharmacy license to a particular location to permit pharmacies to store drugs at alternate care sites without obtaining another license. Waives the requirement that a pharmacy located within a larger mercantile establishment (e.g., a pharmacy inside a grocery store) must apply for pharmacy commission approval 30 days before it starts maintaining opening hours that are different than those of the mercantile	<a href="#">20-36</a> <a href="#">20-36.2</a>	3/30/2020	7/8/2020 or Termination of state of emergency	Original end date: 4/29/20 Extended twice by legislature.

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	establishment. Many pharmacies are extending hours in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, and many grocery stores are reducing hours to restock shelves.				
<b>Distillery hand sanitizer production</b>	Waives limitations related to pharmacy licensure that would create barriers to manufacturing, distributing, selling, and donating hand sanitizer.	<a href="#">20-36</a> <a href="#">20-36.2</a>	3/30/2020	7/8/2020 or Termination of state of emergency	Original end date: 4/29/20 Extended twice by legislature.
<b>Reducing Restrictions on, and Safe Expansion of, Non-Urgent Medical and Dental Procedures</b>	Prohibits all medical, dental and dental specialty facilities, practices, and practitioners in Washington State from providing non-urgent health care and dental services, procedures, and surgeries unless they act in good faith and with reasonable clinical judgment to meet and follow the procedures and criteria provided.	<a href="#">20-24</a> <a href="#">20-24.1</a>	5/17/2020	6/16/2020 or Termination of state of emergency	

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<b>Behavioral Health Agency - telehealth</b>	Waived requirement that a behavioral health agency do assessments or provide services “in person” or “face-to-face.”	<a href="#">WSR 20-07-105</a>	3/26/2020	State of Emergency Ends or waiver is withdrawn	Secretary Waiver
<b>Facility inspections</b>	The department, similar to CMS, temporarily suspended routine state inspections in all health care facilities to allow focus on COVID-19 response and care of patients.	GovDelivery Email	3/19/2020	Until withdrawn	Statement

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	Complaint investigations and inspections related to infection control and immediate jeopardies will continue.				
<b>Aligning state guidance with Federal 1135 Blanket Waivers for Hospital Regulations</b>	The department is giving guidance for hospital licensing requirements to align with CMS "Blanket Waivers."	<a href="#">WSR 20-09-128</a>	Retroactive to 3/1/2020	State of Emergency Ends	Guidance
<b>Guidance for hospitals regarding reporting COVID-19 cases (DCHS)</b>	Guidance on meeting WAC 246-101-301 and -305 related to reporting COVID-19 cases using RHINO or daily admissions reports.	Letter 3/19/2020	3/19/2020		Guidance
<b>Secretary order on hospital capacity reporting</b>	Secretary order requiring every Acute Care Hospital licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW to report capacity of bed, staffing, equipment etc. to the regional health care coalition.	Secretary of Health order 20-01	4/2/2020	State of Emergency Ends or waiver is withdrawn	Statement
<b>Further extension of CN application deadlines for kidney disease facilities</b>	This emergency rule adopts the waived application deadlines for the Special Circumstances 1 Concurrent Review Cycle originally outlined by Governor Inslee in Proclamation 23-06. In addition, it will also waive the application deadlines for Nonspecial Circumstances during the first review cycle.	<a href="#">WSR 20-10-032</a>	4/28/2020	8/26/2020	Need Emergency Rules extended to cover the August-September amended dates.
<b>Exempting certain in-person and on-site requirements for</b>	Grants exemptions to rules in chapter 246-335 WAC to allow regulatory flexibility for in home services agencies while trying to implement federal and state COVID-19 guidelines, allowing certain in-person and on-site	WSR 20-10-061	5/1/2020, retroactive to 3/1/2020	State of Emergency Ends	Guidance and Exemptions

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<b>Home Care, Home Health, and Hospice Agencies and WSP Fingerprint Background checks</b>	requirements to be accomplished remotely and suspending requirements for WSP fingerprint background checks until WSP begins conducting them again.				

## Health Care Staffing and Licensing Waivers

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<b>License renewal</b>	Waived language allowing the Secretary of Health to extend license renewal periods for all health care professional licensees by policy instead of formal rulemaking. The Secretary of Health has extended all health profession license expiration dates for licenses up for renewal between April 1 and September 30, 2020.	<a href="#">20-32</a> <a href="#">20-32.2</a>	3/26/2020	5/31/2020 or Termination of state of emergency	Original end date: 4/25/20 Extended twice by legislature.
<b>Hospital privileges or association</b>	Waives requirement for hospitals to check past employment, disciplinary history, and malpractice actions, and complete a confidentiality waiver before granting clinical privileges, including the requirement to report adverse findings to the department within 30 days.	<a href="#">20-32</a> <a href="#">20-32.2</a>	3/26/2020	5/31/2020 or Termination of state of emergency	Original end date: 4/25/20 Extended twice by legislature.
<b>Continuing education requirements</b>	Waives continuing education requirements for licensees of key professions that would normally be renewing their license at this time of year, military or	<a href="#">20-32</a> <a href="#">20-32.2</a>	3/26/2020	5/31/2020 or Termination	Original end date: /25/20

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	<p>spouses who are returning their license to active status, and expired licenses returning to active status at this time. Key professions impacted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency medial responders</li> <li>• Mental Health Counselors</li> <li>• Marriage and Family Therapists</li> <li>• Social Workers</li> <li>• Health Care Assistants</li> <li>• Medical Assistants</li> <li>• ARNPs, RNs, LPNs, and Nursing Assistants</li> <li>• Osteopathic Physicians and Physician Assistants</li> <li>• Pharmacists and Pharmacy Ancillary Personnel</li> <li>• Physicians and Physician Assistants</li> <li>• Respiratory Care Practitioners</li> <li>• Home Care Aids</li> </ul>			of state of emergency	Extended twice by legislature.
<b>AIDS education requirements</b>	Waives AIDS education requirements for all health care professions applicants and facility employees.	<a href="#">20-32</a> <a href="#">20-32.2</a>	3/26/2020	5/31/2020 or Termination of state of emergency	Original end date: 4/25/20 Extended twice by legislature.
<b>Medical assistant</b>	Waives requirements that medical assistants perform duties with a supervising health care practitioner physically present in the room, or immediately available during blood draws.	<a href="#">20-32</a> <a href="#">20-32.2</a>	3/26/2020	5/31/2020 or Termination of state of emergency	Original end date: 4/25/20 Extended twice by legislature.
<b>Time limits on practice by Medical Assistants while training or</b>	Allows medical assistants to work past 60 days if an application is still being processed and past one-year if exam has not been completed.	<a href="#">20-32</a> <a href="#">20-32.2</a>	3/26/2020	5/31/2020 or Termination of state of emergency	Original end date: 4/25/20 Extended twice by legislature.

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<b>credentialing is in progress</b>					
<b>Physician Assistant (PA) restrictions of practice for mobility and flexibility</b>	Allows allopathic and osteopathic PAs working without a delegation agreement approved by Board or Commission, removes the limit of PAs that a doctor can supervise, and allows PAs to work at a remote site.	<a href="#">20-32</a> <a href="#">20-32.2</a>	3/26/2020	5/31/2020 or Termination of state of emergency	Original end date: 4/25/20 Extended twice by legislature.
<b>Pharmacy technicians</b>	Allows pharmacy technicians to perform specialized functions, such as nasal pharyngeal (NP) swabs.	<a href="#">20-36</a> <a href="#">20-36.2</a>	3/30/2020	7/8/2020 or Termination of state of emergency	Original end date: 4/29/20 Extended twice by legislature.
<b>Nursing assistant caregiving and core delegation training</b>	Allows determination to delegation by a Nursing Assistant or Home Care Aide without completion of basic caregiving and core delegation training. Also waives NCQAC community-based and in-home care setting delegation decision tree.	<a href="#">20-32</a> <a href="#">20-32.2</a>	3/26/2020	5/31/2020 or Termination of state of emergency	Original end date: 4/25/20 Extended twice by legislature.
<b>Location of practice requirements for physicians with a limited license and post-graduate training practice limitations</b>	Waives location of practice requirements for a physician with a limited practice permit, such as employment with a county health department, department of corrections, and DSHS. Also, allows waives postgraduate training limitations on practice.	<a href="#">20-32</a> <a href="#">20-32.2</a>	3/26/2020	5/31/2020 or Termination of state of emergency	Original end date: 4/25/20 Extended twice by legislature.
<b>Training and testing requirement for</b>	Waives requirement that Nursing Assistants complete training and testing to become certified within four months of employment with a nursing home.	<a href="#">20-37</a> <a href="#">20-37.2</a>	3/30/20	5/31/2020 or Termination	Original end date: 4/29/20

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<b>Nursing Assistants working in Nursing Home Settings</b>				of state of emergency	Extended twice by legislature.

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<b>Licensing renewal extension</b>	The Secretary of Health has extended all health profession license, and medical marijuana consultant certifications, expiration dates for licenses up for renewal between April 1 and September 30, 2020.	WSR 20-09-008 <a href="#">WSR 20-09-059</a>	4/1/2020	9/30/2020	Extension
<b>Nurse licensing fees</b>	Secretary of Health waived certain nursing fees that impose barriers to recruiting nurses who have inactive or expired licenses for 3 years or less.	<a href="#">WSR 20-08-125</a>	3/31/2020	State of Emergency Ends or waiver is withdrawn	Secretary Waiver
<b>FBI fingerprint background checks</b>	FBI fingerprint background checks are suspended while processing is closed down with the requirement they will be performed when vendors are back open.		3/20/2020		Statement
<b>EMS NREMT cognitive exam for reciprocity</b>	Allows licensure with NREMT certification through reciprocity without taking the NREMT cognitive exam.	Letter 5/14/2020	3/12/2020	9/30/2020 then evaluate need	Variance allowed in statute

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<b>Requirements for certified personnel as drivers</b>	Allows rural EMS services to use non-medically trained drivers with approval.	GovDelivery Email 4/6/2020	2/29/2020	State of Emergency Ends	Variance allowed in statute
<b>EMS scope of practice</b>	Allows EMS personnel to perform NP swabs and expand environment for performing immunizations.	GovDelivery Email 4/6/2020	2/29/2020 3/13/2020 Immunizations will be staged	State of Emergency Ends	Variance allowed in statute
<b>EMS OTEP recertification</b>	Allows EMS personnel to recertify through OTEP only when education requirements are not available.	GovDelivery Email 4/6/2020	2/29/2020	State of Emergency Ends	Variance allowed in statute
<b>Midwifery exam</b>	Removes the NARM exam requirement due to closure of testing sites and lowers the passing score on the Washington exam to allow more providers into the workforce without having to retest.	<a href="#">WSR 20-10-001</a>	4/22/2020	8/20/2020	Emergency Rule
<b>Medical Commission retired active license requirements</b>	Allows allopathic physicians and allopathic physician assistant with retired active status license to renew without CE. Also removes restriction on receiving compensation for services.	In Process			Emergency Rule
<b>Board of Naturopathy CE requirements</b>	Clarifies that naturopathic physicians who are unable to timely complete CE are granted a CE extension that coincides with the license renewal extension authorized by the Secretary of the Department of Health.	WSR 20-10-075	5/4/2020 retroactive to 4/3/2020	9/30/2020 and 12/31/2020	Policy Statement
<b>Chiropractic online CE limits</b>	Removes the 12 hour limit on online CE courses for the duration of the Governor proclamations and 120 days following their conclusion.	In Process			Emergency Rule



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<b>Podiatric Medical Board CME requirements</b>	Clarifies that podiatric physicians are granted a CME extension that coincides with the license renewal extension authorized by the Secretary of the Department of Health.	WSR 20-10-076	5/4/2020 retroactive to 4/16/2020	9/30/2020 and 12/31/2020	Policy Statement
<b>Pharmacy compounding</b>	States that the commission will not find a licensee deficient or take enforcement action for failure to comply with USP requirements caused by COVID-19. PQAC adopted detailed expectations licensees are expected to follow when unable to comply with specific USP requirements caused by COVID-19 e.g. PPE compliance issues due to supply chain. These expectations are now published in its Plan-19.	<a href="#">Plan 19</a>	3/17/2020	State of Emergency Ends or until withdrawn by commission	Statement
<b>Pharmacy outpatient retail operation</b>	Provides guidance for operational safety, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessing risk</li> <li>• Cleaning work/patient areas</li> <li>• Social distancing</li> <li>• Drive-thru maximization</li> <li>• Gloves when hand sanitizer is not available</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Plan 19</a>	3/17/2020	Not indicated	Guidance
<b>Pharmacy delivery of medications</b>	Interprets existing regulations to allow a pharmacist or pharmacy technician to deliver prescribed non-controlled medications to a patient or patient's agent outside of the pharmacy.	<a href="#">Plan 19</a>	3/17/2020	Not indicated	Statement
<b>Hand sanitizer</b>	States the commission will not refer or take enforcement action against licensees or pharmacies that accept donated or	<a href="#">Plan 19</a>	3/27/2020	State of Emergency Ends	Statement

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	manufactured hand sanitizer (using USP and/or non-USP grade ingredients).				
<b>Chloroquine and Hydroxychloroquine</b>	Discourages inappropriate prescribing of medication for prophylaxis and references RCW 69.41.040.	GovDelivery Email 3/24/2020	3/24/2020	Not indicated	Statement
<b>Pharmacy self-inspections</b>	Extends self-inspections from March 31, 2020 until May 31, 2020.		Not indicated	3/31/2020	Statement
<b>Pharmacy Collaborative Drug Therapy Agreement (CDTA)</b>	Allows pharmacists to prescribe under an expired CDTA.		4/17/2020	State of Emergency Ends or until withdrawn by commission	
<b>Dietitians providing telehealth</b>	Dietitians licensed in Oregon or Idaho may use telehealth to continue providing treatment to Washington residents, provided the patient-provider relationship was established prior to the COVID-19 declared emergency, and the practice does not create an unreasonable risk of harm.	<a href="#">WSR 20-09-127</a>	4/20/2020	Until withdrawn	Policy Statement
<b>Pharmacy timing of signed prescription for Schedule II Controlled Substance (CII)</b>	Increases the duration of time a practitioner has to deliver a signed prescription when authorizing an emergency prescription of a CSII substance to a pharmacy from seven days to fifteen.	<a href="#">WSR 20-09-133</a>	4/21/2020	8/19/2020	Emergency Rule
<b>EMS and Trauma continuing education and quality</b>	EMS and Trauma continuing education and quality improvement for trauma care	In Process			Policy Statement

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<b>improvement for trauma care</b>					
<b>Nursing ARNP clinical practice hours</b>	Removes the requirement for proof of 250 clinical practice hours upon renewal or initial interstate endorsement.	WSR 20-10-015	4/24/2020		Permanent Rule
<b>Nursing continuing education and allowing LPN students to practice as nurse technicians</b>	Removes continuing education and continuing competency requirements for retired, inactive and expired status, creating additional opportunities for LPN students to practice as nurse technicians, removing barriers to preceptor and simulation education programs, and removing specific delegation training requirements for nursing assistants.	<a href="#">WSR 20-10-014</a>	4/24/2020	8/22/2020	Emergency Rule
<b>Integration of electronic health records systems with the Prescription Monitoring Program (SB5380)</b>	Extends the time for provider groups of ten more prescribers to comply with SB5380 (2020) requiring integration by January 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021.	Letter 4/24/2020	4/24/2020	9/30/2021	Waiver
<b>Simulation and Clinical Training for Respiratory Care Practitioners and Medical Assistants-Certified</b>	Respiratory care practitioners and medical assistants-certified may use simulation to meet required clinical hours during the COVID-19 declared emergency, in accordance with applicable accreditation standards and guidance.	WSR 20-10-063	5/1/2020	State of Emergency Ends or until withdrawn	Policy Statement
<b>Dental Clinical Exams</b>	Approving a new non-patient based clinical exam for dentistry. The Joint Commission on National Dental Examination's (JCND) Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination	In Process			Emergency Rule

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	(DLOSCE) is a practical/clinical examination that is computer-based and does not use live patients.				
<b>Continuing Education Requirements for Optometrists</b>	In meeting continuing education (CE) requirements the Board of Optometry (board) will not take enforcement action against licensed optometrists under certain circumstances.	In Process			Policy Statement
<b>NCQAC Standards of Care Expectations</b>	Making disciplinary decisions, the Commissioners always consider the facts and totality of the circumstances surrounding any complaint; including systems, scarce resources, and the fact that this is an ongoing emergency and some circumstances are beyond the control of an individual.	NCQAC Letter 5/8/2020	5/8/2020		Regulatory Statement
<b>Continuing Education Requirements for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians</b>	In meeting continuing education (CE) requirements the Veterinary Board of Governors (VBOG) will allow unrestricted use of teaching or preprogrammed materials to meet CE requirements until December 31, 2020.	WSR 20-11-048	5/15/2020	12/31/2020	Policy Statement
<b>Veterinary Client Patient Relationship Requirements</b>	VBOG does not intend to strictly enforce the requirement in WAC 246-933-200(2) that prohibits licensed veterinarians from establishing a VCPR solely through telemedicine and requires the veterinarian to have examined the animal patient within the previous year.	WSR 20-11-049	5/15/2020	State of Emergency Ends or until withdrawn	Policy Statement
<b>Medical Marijuana Consultant Certification Requirements</b>	Allows an applicant to move forward in the application process without the need to obtain CPR training from an in-person training course and allow them to continue with licensure and serving the cannabis patient community.	In Process			Emergency Rule

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<b>Denturist Continuing Competency Requirements</b>	The Board of Denturists will extend the time frame to complete annual continuing competency credits and will accept online courses as meeting the CE requirements in WAC 246-812-159 through December 31, 2020.	GovDelivery Email 5/20/2020	5/14/2020	12/31/2020	Guidance

## Federal Waivers

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<p>See CMS web page listing and explaining federal waivers, including subject-specific guidance documents:  <a href="https://www.cms.gov/about-cms/emergency-preparedness-response-operations/current-emergencies/coronavirus-waivers">https://www.cms.gov/about-cms/emergency-preparedness-response-operations/current-emergencies/coronavirus-waivers</a></p> <p>Additional Blanket Waivers under section 1135 issued 4/30/2020:  <a href="http://www.klgateshub.com/details/?pub=COVID-19-CMS-Releases-Additional-Blanket-Waivers-and-Flexibilities-05-04-2020">http://www.klgateshub.com/details/?pub=COVID-19-CMS-Releases-Additional-Blanket-Waivers-and-Flexibilities-05-04-2020</a></p>					
<b>Flexibility in certain Medicare and Medicaid requirements in Section 1135 of the Social Security Act</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiving certain Medicaid requirements usually needed to enroll healthcare providers so they can be reimbursed for treating patients.</li> <li>• Waiving certain prior authorization, pre-approval, and pre-admission screening requirements for treating patients.</li> <li>• Allowing facilities, including Nursing Homes, intermediate care facilities for developmental disabilities, psychiatric residential treatment facilities, and hospital nursing facilities to be paid for unlicensed temporary extension of a facility (alternative care sites).</li> <li>• Modifying time frames for appeal timelines and fair hearing timelines for Medicaid recipients.</li> </ul>	CMS letter 3/19/2020	3/15/2020, retroactive to 3/1/2020	Termination of the declaration	CMS will work with DEA regarding WA outstanding request for relief from certain requirements around medications.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allowing flexibility in public notice and Tribal Consultation timelines for Medicaid state plan amendments</li> </ul>				
<b>HIPAA &amp; COVID-19 Privacy Disclosures in Emergency Situations</b>	<p>HHS Secretary Azar has exercised the authority to waive sanctions and penalties against a covered hospital that does not comply with the following provisions of the HIPAA Privacy Rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the requirements to obtain a patient's agreement to speak with family members or friends involved in the patient's care. See 45 CFR 164.510(b).</li> <li>the requirement to honor a request to opt out of the facility directory. See 45 CFR 164.510(a).</li> <li>the requirement to distribute a notice of privacy practices. See 45 CFR 164.520.</li> <li>the patient's right to request privacy restrictions. See 45 CFR 164.522(a).</li> <li>the patient's right to request confidential communications. See 45 CFR 164.522(b).</li> </ul>	<a href="#">March 2020 COVID-19 &amp; HIPAA Bulletin</a>	3/15/2020		
<b>HIPAA Enforcement discretion for telehealth remote communications</b>	<p>HHS Office for Civil Rights will not penalize for noncompliance with HIPAA for good faith provision of telehealth during COVID-19 nationwide public health emergency. Providers can use applications such as: Apple FaceTime, Facebook Messenger video chat, Google Hangouts video, Zoom, or Skype, not Facebook Live, Twitch, TikTok. Providers can enter into agreements with some video product companies for additional privacy protections. HHS has further guidance for providers related to HIPAA <a href="#">in a bulletin</a>.</p>	HHS guidance document	3/30/2020	Effective during the COVID-19 nationwide public health emergency	
<b>Disclosing HIPAA information about</b>	Describes how Personal Health Information related to COVID-19 exposure or infection is shareable in certain	DHHS OCR document			

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<b>COVID-19 infected persons between a covered entity and first responders like law enforcement, paramedics, public health authorities without the individual's authorization</b>	<p>circumstances with law enforcement, paramedics, other first responders, and public health authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When the disclosure is needed to provide treatment,</li> <li>• When required by law,</li> <li>• To notify public health authorities to prevent control of the disease,</li> <li>• When first responders may be at risk of infection,</li> <li>• To lessen or prevent a threat to public health and safety,</li> <li>• When responding to a request from a correctional institution or law enforcement.</li> </ul>	about first responders and HIPAA - reporting COVID-19			
<b>CMS Health Care Facilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skilled Nursing – waiving requirements that will allow people to be transferred to a skilled nursing facility</li> <li>• Critical Access Hospitals – waiving the 25 bed and 96 hour limits, also waiving rural requirement for services moved off site to accommodate surge.</li> <li>• Acute Care Hospitals – allowing care for patients in alternative care sites, allowing them to move patients from psychiatric units and rehabilitation units to acute care beds, and waiving requirements related to the “60% rule”.</li> <li>• Durable Medical Equipment – waiving requirements usually needed in order to replace lost/destroyed/damaged Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS)</li> <li>• Long Term Acute Care Hospitals (LTCH) can exclude patient stays due to the emergency from the 25-day average limit necessary for payment.</li> </ul>	CMS Health Care Providers Fact Sheet			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home Health Agencies – provides relieve related to timeframes for OASIS Transmission and Request for Anticipated Payments.</li> </ul>				
<b>Provider Locations</b>	Temporarily waive requirements that out-of-state providers be licensed in the state where they are providing services when they are licensed in another state. This applies to Medicare and Medicaid.	CMS Health Care Providers Fact Sheet			
<b>Provider Enrollment</b>	Establishes a toll-free hotline for non-certified Part B suppliers, physicians and nonphysician practitioners to enroll and receive temporary Medicare billing privileges and waives the following screening requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application Fee - 42 C.F.R 424.514</li> <li>Criminal background checks associated with FCBC - 42 C.F.R 424.518</li> <li>Site visits - 42 C.F.R 424.517</li> <li>Postpone all revalidation actions</li> <li>Allow licensed providers to render services outside of their state of enrollment</li> <li>Expedite any pending or new provider applications</li> </ul>	CMS Health Care Providers Fact Sheet			
<b>Medicare Appeals</b>	Gives extensions and waivers of timelines related to Medicare appeals.	CMS Health Care Providers Fact Sheet			
<b>Federal “Blanket Waivers”</b>	<i>Hospitals, Critical Access Hospitals, Psychiatric Hospitals, Long-Term Care Hospitals: EMTALA, Verbal Orders, Discharge Planning, hospital pharmacy – Sterile Compounding, relocate patients from the psychiatric unit part of the hospital.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers: Staffing</i></li> <li><i>Home Health Agencies/Hospice:</i></li> </ul>	<a href="#">COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Blanket Waivers for Health Care Providers</a>			Related: <a href="#">Letter from HHS to Gov. Inslee related to 1135 flexibilities and the</a>



## Overview of COVID-19 Waivers & Actions for Health Care Providers and Facilities

Subject	Content Overview of Waiver	Publication	Start Date	End Date	Notes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payment, Reporting, some initial assessment and “on site” or “in person” requirements,</li> <li>• <i>End Stage Renal Dialysis facilities</i> –</li> <li>• Training, assessment, inspections</li> <li>• <i>Durable Medical Equipment/Prosthetics/Orthotics</i></li> <li>• <i>Out of State practitioners/Provider enrollment</i></li> </ul>				<a href="#">blanket waivers</a>