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Emergency Order #20
Relating to Modification of Emergency Order #16

WHEREAS, paragraphs one through seven of Emergency Order #16 Relating to Certain Health Care Providers and the Department of Safety and Professional Services Credentialing are incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, the continued spread of COVID-19 demands greater flexibility for health care providers coming to Wisconsin so that they can focus on patient care, and it is essential we expand our health care workforce at this time of unprecedented need.

NOW THEREFORE, under the authority vested in the Governor and the Department of Health Services by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, including but not limited to Article V, Section 4 of the Wisconsin Constitution and Sections 323.12(4) and 252.02 (6) of the Wisconsin Statutes, and the public health emergency declared in Executive Order #72, I, Governor Tony Evers, and I, Secretary-designee Andrea Palm, jointly order the following: pursuant to the same powers enumerated in Emergency Order #16, I, Governor Tony Evers, and I, Secretary-designee Andrea Palm, modify Section I of Emergency Order #16 as follows:

I. A health care provider who practices in reliance on Section I of Emergency Order #16 must continue to follow the process described therein, with the following modifications:

    1. "Health care provider" has the meaning given in Wis. Stat. § 146.81(1)(a) - (hp).
    2. "Temporary License" refers to any visiting, locum tenens, temporary, or similar non-permanent license or credential, including an Interstate Reciprocity Temporary License as provided for in Emergency Order #16, as modified by this Order.
    3. A health care provider must apply for a temporary or permanent health care license within 30 days of first working at a health care facility in reliance on Section I of Emergency Order #16 and this Order.
    4. The health care facility must notify DSPS within 10 days of a health care provider practicing at its facility in reliance of Section I of Emergency Order #16 and this Order.
    5. Both the application form and notification form shall continue to be readily available at https://dsps.wi.gov/pages/Home.aspx
    6. Any temporary license granted under this Order, or any otherwise valid license that expires during the public health emergency, shall remain valid for 30 days after the conclusion of the declared emergency, including any extensions. This

order is retroactive to include licenses that were current before declaration of the public health emergency on March 12, 2020 in Executive Order #72 but have since expired.

II. Emergency Order #16 remains in full force and effect, with the exception of the aforementioned modifications. This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for the duration of the public health emergency as declared in Executive Order #72, including any extensions.

Tony Evers

4/3/2020

Tony Evers
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04/03/2020

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