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DIRECTIVE AND ORDER REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF TESTING

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health-Gen. §§ 2-104, 18-102, 18-103

I, Robert R. Neall, Secretary of Health, finding that the availability of testing based only on medical screening criteria is necessary for the prevention and control of 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("SARS-CoV-2") and the disease that it causes – Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19"), hereby issue this Order and Directive ("Order") regarding the availability of testing for SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19.

1. All COVID-19 testing shall be made available only to those persons who meet the criteria for such testing as established, and modified from time to time, by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC").

2. All health care providers, facilities, and entities that decide to offer testing shall make that testing available to any person presenting at the testing site who meets the CDC criteria without regard to that person's ability to pay, type of health insurance, or participation in any particular provider network.

3. The Maryland Department of Health shall make available appropriate financial support to those providing testing to the extent that the costs of that testing are not covered by the payments from individuals and health insurance carriers.

THIS DIRECTIVE AND ORDER IS ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020, AND IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Robert R. Neall
Secretary of Health