Office of
The Governor

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DATE April 24, 2020

AN ORDER EXTENDING A CERTAIN REPORTING PERIOD

WHEREAS, I proclaimed a state of emergency on March 15, 2020 and a renewed state of emergency on April 14, 2020 to authorize the use of emergency powers in order to expand and expedite the State's response to the serious health and safety risks of the highly contagious COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, 22 M.R.S. §8753(2) requires a covered health care facility that experiences a sentinel events to conduct a thorough and credible root cause analysis and to file a written report thereon with the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Licensing and Certification no later than 45 days following notification of the event; and

WHEREAS, the resources needed to conduct a thorough and credible root cause analysis include participation by leadership and direct care providers of covered facilities whose time and efforts are currently focused on providing essential patient care during the COVID 19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, a governor has the emergency power to reasonably adjust time frames and deadlines imposed by law when such adjustment is reasonably necessary to mitigate a substantial effect of the emergency pursuant to 37-B M.R.S. §742(1)(C)(13)(a);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, pursuant to 37-B M.R.S. Ch. 13, including but not limited to the provisions cited above, do hereby Order as follows:

I. ORDER

The 45-day reporting requirement set forth in 22 M.R.S. §8753(2) is extended to 120 days.

II. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Order shall take effect on April 24, 2020 and unless sooner amended or rescinded terminates 30 days after the termination of the COVID-19 state of emergency.

Janet T. Mills
Governor