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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING STATE WAIVER IMPLEMENTATION FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY II

Background:
On April 14, 2020 and April 16, 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 II (RCF II). Complete orders may be viewed on the Department website: 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 (SLCR) will implement the Residential Care Facility II waivers. Questions related to these waivers can be emailed to RegulationUnit@health.mo.gov.

RESIDENT CARE AND ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

19 CSR 30-86.043(8) shall be waived to the extent the provisions require a residential care facility II to only care for the number of residents for which the facility is licensed. Note: Prior to admitting residents over the licensed capacity of the facility, contact Shay.Patterson@health.mo.gov to provide details related to the number of individuals you are requesting to serve and where they will be housed in the facility.

19 CSR 30-86.043(19) shall be waived to the extent the provisions require a residential care facility II to maintain on the premises a written statement signed by a licensed physician or physician’s designee indicating the facility employee can work in a long-term care facility and indicating any limitations. Note: Statements shall be completed in a timely manner, typically within 30 days, after the state of emergency.

19 CSR 30-86.043(48) shall be waived to the extent that the provisions require insulin injections to be administered only by a physician, licensed nurse or a person trained to do so by a licensed nurse or physician at a residential care facility II. This waiver shall allow those individuals, who have completed a nurse education program but have not yet taken the nurse exam, the ability to administer insulin injections.*

19 CSR 30-86.043(49) shall be waived to the extent that the provisions require medications to be administered to residents of a residential care facility II by a physician, licensed nurse, certified
medication technician, and level I medication aide. This waiver allows those individuals, who have completed a nurse education program but have not yet taken the nurse exam, the ability to administer medications to residents.*

19 CSR 30-86.043(54) shall be waived to the extent that the provisions require a residential care facility II to have a pharmacist or registered nurse review the medication regimen of each resident at least every other month in a residential care facility II. This waiver allows the pharmacist or registered nurse the ability to review the medication regimen of each resident at least every other month at a location outside of the residential care facility II.

*Note: Long-term care facilities are required to maintain a safe and effective system of medication administration. Any long-term care facility, utilizing individuals to pass medications under this waiver, shall have a system in place to determine competency of the individual passing medications and maintain the appropriate documentation in the facility’s records. Documentation shall be maintained in accordance with state regulations.