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As Director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (“Department”), pursuant to Executive Orders 20-02 and 20-04, I am vested with the authority to temporarily waive or suspend the operation of any statutory requirement or administrative rule, upon approval of the Office of the Governor. After consultation with and receiving approval from the Office of the Governor, I am hereby waiving the following laws in order to assist the state, and its citizens prepare and respond to COVID-19 until May 15, 2020, unless otherwise modified by the Department.

Waivers Relating to the Bureau of Narcotics & Dangerous Drugs

Temporary Health Care Facilities Operation

Section 195.030.6 shall be waived to the extent necessary to allow temporary hospitals or other temporary health care facilities to be set-up and operated during the state of emergency, without first obtaining a registration.

Pharmacies Dispensing Emergency Supply of Controlled Substances

Section 195.060.1 shall be waived to the extent necessary to allow Pharmacies to dispense an emergency supply of controlled substances to a patient if the pharmacy that originally filled the prescription is closed or unable to fill the prescription due to the State of Emergency. Pharmacists must make a good faith effort to verify the medication to be dispensed and the authorized prescriber and dosage form (e.g., as listed on the patient’s prescription vial). Pharmacies/pharmacists must attempt to verify the initial dispensing pharmacy is closed and unable to dispense the medication. The pharmacies/pharmacist may dispense up to a fourteen (14) day supply of emergency medication during the State of Emergency. The pharmacy providing the emergency dispensing must notify the prescribing practitioner in writing of the emergency dispensing within seven (7) days of the dispensing.

Annual Inventory by Missouri Controlled Substances Registrant

19 CSR 30-1.042(3) shall be waived to the extent necessary to allow annual inventories, which are due to be taken during the state of emergency, to have their due dates extended to no later than 120 days after Executive Order 20-02 is terminated.

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