NOTICE OF TEMPORARY LICENSURE

In accordance with Executive Order No. 2020-13, Section 2, and Section 20132 of the Public Health Code, Act 368 of 1978, MCL 333.20132, this Notice of Temporary Licensure is issued, and effective on March 28, 2020, to all existing state licensed hospitals to control communicable disease and to take immediate action necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of individuals receiving hospital care and services.

This Notice covers requirements set forth in Article 17, Parts 201 and 215, of the Public Health Code. Act 368 of 1978, as well as the applicable Administrative Rules. This Notice does not waive the requirement set forth in Executive Order 2020-13, Section 1, which may require submission of an emergency Certificate of Need to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

This Notice allows a state licensed hospital to immediately add additional medical / surgical beds into existing hospital space upon Certificate of Need approval. This Notice also allows a state licensed hospital to immediately convert designated special use beds, such as pediatric and rehabilitation beds, to medical / surgical beds, which does not require Certificate of Need approval. This also confirms that Department approval of temporary mobile triage and screening tents on campus do not need prior approval as long as these temporary structures do not house inpatient services.

The Department is waiving that a hospital must wait for project specific approval for the above-referenced categories to allow hospitals to immediately address the changing needs to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of individuals receiving hospital care and services.

This Notice does not apply to proposed projects that involve significant renovations, changes to fire safety equipment and systems, and alternative care locations. These proposed projects will require additional review and not covered under this Notice.

A hospital that adds or modifies bed capacity as stated above is still required to submit the applicable application to the Department within 72 hours after start of operation. The Department will review and then issue a hospital specific Temporary License.

This Notice of Temporary Licensure shall be valid until April 14, 2020 and may be renewed by the Department until the termination of the state of emergency under section 3 of Executive Order 2020-4.

Sincerely,

Larry Horvath, Director  
Bureau of Community and Health Systems

Sincerely,

Kevin Sehlmeyer, State Fire Marshal  
Bureau of Fire Services