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## **EXTRAORDINARY MEASURE**

The Ministry of Health, as the competent administrative authority pursuant to Section 80(1)(g) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., on Public Health Protection and amending certain related acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as “Act No. 258/2000 Coll.”), orders this Extraordinary Measure, proceeding pursuant to Section 69(1)(d) and (i) and (2) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., to protect the population and prevent the occurrence and spread of COVID-19 caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

### **I.**

All healthcare service providers:

- a) of inpatient care (hereinafter an “Acute Inpatient Care Provider”), with effect from 28 October 2020, are ordered to adopt the measures stated in Section II, for the purpose of ensuring the necessary personnel, material and technical capacities for the provision of healthcare services to patients with COVID-19 caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus;
- b) of inpatient subsequent and long-term care, including intensive care (hereinafter a “Subsequent Inpatient Care Provider”), with effect from 28 October 2020, are ordered to adopt the measures stated in Section III, for the purpose of ensuring the necessary personnel, material and technical capacities for the provision of healthcare services to patients with COVID-19 caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.

### **II.**

The Measure orders Acute Inpatient Care Providers:

- a) to immediately stop accepting new patients for the purpose of the provision of planned care in accordance with Section 5(1)(d) of Act No. 372/2011 Coll., on Healthcare Services and

conditions of their provision, as amended (hereinafter the “Act on Healthcare Services”);

- b) to increase, in ongoing fashion, their capacity for acute inpatient care, including intensive care capacities, intended for patients with COVID-19, in accordance with the current epidemiological situation and in accordance with forecasts of needs for hospital care;
- c) to release, in ongoing fashion, acute inpatient care beds by transferring patients to subsequent or long-term care, or by releasing patients into home care, in all cases in which the transfer or release of a patient is possible without it endangering the patient’s health;
- d) to coordinate their activities with the Regional Intensive Care Coordinator.

### III.

The Measure orders Subsequent Inpatient Care Providers:

- a) to release, in ongoing fashion, subsequent care beds for the purpose of accepting patients moved from acute inpatient care;
- b) to provide maximum cooperation to Acute Inpatient Care Providers when arranging the transfer of patients for the purpose of releasing capacities for acute inpatient care;
- c) to coordinate their activities with the Regional Intensive Care Coordinator.

### IV.

This Extraordinary Measure takes effect on the date of its issue.

#### **Rationale:**

This Emergency Measure is issued in relation to the implementation of measures adopted to limit the spread of COVID-19 caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in the Czech Republic.

With regard to the rising number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 whose medical condition requires the provision of acute inpatient care, including intensive care, it is necessary to arrange an increase in acute inpatient care capacities, including intensive care, for persons with COVID-19.

For this purpose, acute inpatient care providers are ordered to limit all types of care that can be limited without a marked influence on the patients’ medical condition. The deferral of planned care will enable the mobilization of capacities for the provision of healthcare to patients with

COVID-19 who will need it in the next few weeks with regard to the current epidemiological situation. If the limitation of care that can be put off does not mobilize sufficient capacities for the provision of care to patients with COVID-19, there is a direct risk of damage to the health of such patients, including a risk of death due to insufficient capacities. With regard to the above, it is desirable for the released capacity to be temporary secured for the provision of care to patients with COVID-19.

Subsequent Inpatient Care Providers are ordered to provide cooperation to Acute Care Providers when transferring patients in such a manner as to release capacities for the provision of acute care to all patients that will need such care due to the worsening of their medical condition.

This Measure does not affect the healthcare system's capacity intended for the provision of urgent care where its non-provision would lead to an immediate risk to life, sudden death, a serious risk to health or a serious worsening of a patient's medical condition.

This Measure does not affect the provision of urgent care to patients with medical problems other than COVID-19 to the extent that ensures its provision to patients that require this type of care.

  
  
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