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### **Latest Emergency Order Temporarily Simplifies Administrative Burdens as Health System Seeks to Shore up Health Workforce in Response to COVID-19**

On Friday, March 28, 2020 Gov. Evers issued "[Emergency Order #16: Related to Certain Health Care Providers and the Department of Safety and Professional Services Credentialing](#)." The order, which is effective immediately, directs and provides the Department of Health Services the authority to implement certain measures for the expansion of and improvement of efficiencies in the state's healthcare workforce during the COVID-19 emergency.

“From the outset of this crisis, we were hearing from our members that temporary flexibility on licensing would be helpful in reducing administrative barriers and shoring up the health care workforce,” said CEO, Stephanie Harrison. “We commend the Governor and the Department of Health Services for moving forward on this emergency action to address this crisis.”

The provisions in the order will provide flexibilities in licensing and credentialing for current health care providers, out-of-state providers and retired providers as well as allow providers such as advanced practice nurses and physician assistants greater ability to aid in the response to COVID-19.

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