



# ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

July 7, 2020

Ms. Ann-Marie Alameddin  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association  
2800 North Central Avenue, Suite 1450  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004

Dear Ms. Alameddin:

Your request to the Department to waive several licensing requirements for healthcare institutions was reviewed by our licensing team. Today, we will be issuing an Administrative Order waiving the following regulations in the Arizona Administrative Code statewide:

- A.A.C. R9-10-204(B)(1)(e);
- A.A.C. R9-10-207(A)(7)(i);
- A.A.C. R9-10-212(A)(1) and (A)(2), (B)(2)(h), (C)(3) and (4), and (6)
- A.A.C. R9-10-215(2);
- A.A.C. R9-10-217(A)(1) and (D);
- A.A.C. R9-10-221(1)
- A.A.C. R9-10-223(A)(1);
- A.A.C. R9-10-228(B)(3);
- A.A.C. R9-10-229(5); and
- A.A.C. R9-10-231(8).

I recognize that this is only a subset of the requirements that the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association has asked the Department to waive. We will schedule a call with you and our licensing team, so they can learn about the specific needs identified by the hospitals with the remaining waiver requests.

My licensing team expressed some concerns about the potential risk to health and safety that a blanket waiver of some of the other healthcare institution regulations could impose. While we have not granted a blanket waiver for the other regulations at this time, individual hospitals are welcome to request waiving specific rules based on their current situation.

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Please relay to your members, if the Department becomes aware of actions that come as a result of the waivers that jeopardize the health, safety, and welfare of those served by the hospital, the Department will still take additional action to protect the health and safety of those individuals.

We appreciate your continued partnership, and we look forward to talking with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cara M. Christ, MD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cara M. Christ, MD  
Director

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