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GUIDANCE TO ILLINOIS- LICENSED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS REGARDING COVID-19

On March 9, 2020, Governor JB Pritzker declared all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area in response to the outbreak of COVID-19, and again on April 1, 2020 declared all counties as a disaster area in response to the exponential spread of COVID-19. Pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Physician Assistant Practice Act (the "Act"), physician assistants licensed in Illinois or another US jurisdiction who are responding to the need for medical care during an emergency or declared disaster can provide that medical care with or without collaboration. 225 ILCS 95/7(b). The Department's Division of Professional Regulation (the "Division") is issuing the following guidance.

Licensed physician assistants with a collaborating agreement should continue providing care pursuant to that agreement.

Licensed physician assistants without a collaborating agreement must provide medical care that is within their training, education, and experience and follow any limitations placed on them by the facility where they are rendering services.

Licensed physician assistants coming from another jurisdiction must provide the Division with their name, contact information, state of licensure, license number, respective date of arrival, and date of departure on a form provided by the Division. These physician assistants are not required to have a collaborating agreement. They must provide care that is within their education, training and experience and follow any limitations placed on them by the facility where they are rendering services.

The Division reminds physician assistants that prescriptive authority must still be delegated by a licensed physician and a notice of delegation must still be filed with the Division pursuant to the Act, 225 ILCS 95/7.5(b).

Finally, the Division reminds physician assistants providing medical services in a hospital, hospital affiliates, or ambulatory surgical treatment center that they are not required to have a collaborating agreement. Physician assistants must have clinical privileges at those facilities and their scope of practice is determined by those facilities.