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TO: Acute Care Hospitals Licensed Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:43G

FROM: Judith M. Persichilli, R.N., B.S.N., M.A.
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SUBJECT: Waiver of Credentialing Standards at N.J.A.C. 8:43G-16.1(b)-(e)

On March 9, 2020 Governor Philip D. Murphy issued Executive Order 103, declaring the existence of a Public Health Emergency, pursuant to the Emergency Health Powers Act, N.J.S.A. 26:13-1 et seq, and a State of Emergency, pursuant to the Disaster Control Act, in the State of New Jersey for Coronavirus 2019 Disease ("COVID-19"). The virus that causes COVID-19 is easily transmitted, especially in group settings. As COVID-19 spreads in New Jersey, it will continue to greatly strain the resources, staffing and capabilities of hospitals charged with caring for patients ill with COVID-19 and may become too large in scope to be handled by dedicated hospital medical staff. Therefore, it is critical to prepare for an increasing number of individuals suspected of having or diagnosed with COVID-19 in New Jersey who require medical care or hospitalization.

Because of the rapid spread of COVID-19 and the need to ensure that hospitals are able to have physician coverage, the Department of Health is permitting acute care hospitals to substitute the credentialing standards of the hospital's accrediting body instead of the credentialing requirements at N.J.A.C. 8:43G-16.1(b)-(e) for the duration of the Public Health Emergency.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Ms. Jean DeVitto, Executive Director, Certificate of Need and Healthcare Facility Licensure program, at jean.devitto@doh.nj.gov.


