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## Memorandum

Date: October 1, 2020  
To: Health Care Providers  
From: Dawn B. Crim, Secretary-designee  
RE: Emergency Order 2—Preparing the Wisconsin Health Care System to Respond to COVID-19

As you likely know, there are high levels of COVID-19 activity in every county of the state. [Department of Health Services data](#) indicates that disease spread continue to increase, and some hospitals are already operating at capacity.

To help address the growing demands on our hospitals, clinics, and providers, Gov. Tony Evers issued [Emergency Order 2](#) on Thursday, October 1, 2020. This order implements a variety of measures that will give the Wisconsin health care system the flexibility it needs to respond to the ongoing and growing pandemic.

Many of the provisions are similar to those implemented earlier this year. This order has provisions for temporary licensure for out-of-state health care providers as well as simplified reinstatement for those who previously obtained pandemic-related temporary licenses that expired earlier this year. Temporary licenses under Executive Order 2 will remain valid for 30 days after the public health emergency expires.

The order also waives late fees for individuals renewing licenses that have expired within the past five years, and it provides flexibility for physicians not licensed in Wisconsin, enabling them to provide telemedicine services to Wisconsin residents under certain circumstances.

This order also reinstates Section IV and Section V of [Emergency Order 16](#), which was originally issued on March 27, 2020, and has subsequently expired. These provisions include measures related to physician assistant scope of practice and supervision requirements. The provisions also address several issues related to nursing practice, including the use of simulation in nursing education, practice under temporary licenses, the availability of NCLEX examinations, suspension of certain renewal requirements, and suspension of collaboration agreement requirements for advanced practice nurses.

We encourage you to read both Emergency Order 2 and Emergency Order 16 for exact language and application. We also recommend that you visit the [DPS website](#), where you will find links to forms relevant to this order.