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EXTRAORDINARY MEASURE

The Ministry of Health, as the competent administrative authority pursuant to Section 80(1)(g) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., on Public Health Protection and amending certain related acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "Act No. 258/2000 Coll."), orders this Extraordinary Measure, proceeding pursuant to Section 69(1)(i) and (2) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., to protect the population and prevent the occurrence and spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

Effective from 14 October 2020, all providers of inpatient medical services (hereinafter the "provider") are ordered to proceed pursuant to the order of the locally competent regional public health authority, which govern their activities pursuant to Section 82(2)(l) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., as concerns:

- a) the reservation and assurance of inpatient care capacities,
- b) the acceptance of patients to the provider's healthcare facility,
- c) the transfer of patients to the healthcare facility of another provider in order to ensure the balanced loading of providers' facilities; the patient cannot be moved without their consent.

II.

The order pursuant to point I contains the following requirements:

- a) identification of the locally competent regional public health authority issuing the order,
- b) identification of the provider, or the address of its healthcare facility, to which the order pertains,
- c) name or names and surname and date of birth of the patient, if the order requires their
 1. transfer to the healthcare facility of another provider or to another healthcare services provider,
 2. acceptance to the healthcare services provider's healthcare facility.

III.

The order pursuant to point I is delivered to the provider with respect to which it is applied, generally via the data box.

IV.

This extraordinary measure takes effect on the date of its issue.

Rationale:

This Emergency Measure is issued in relation to the implementation of measures adopted to limit the spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in the Czech Republic.

Given the current epidemiological situation, which is accompanied by the rising occupancy of acute care beds at hospitals, it is possible that the inpatient wards of at least some hospitals for patients with COVID-19 could be fully occupied if the spread of the disease worsens. For this reason, it is necessary to activate a tool to direct the occupancy of inpatient capacities at individual hospitals. Because the National Intensive Care Dispatching was established, to which hospitals report bed occupancy on a daily basis, the Ministry of Health and locally competent regional public health authorities are very well informed about the situation at hospitals in real time. A regional intensive care coordinator was appointed at each regional public health authority. The activities of the regional intensive care coordinators are then governed by the national intensive care coordinator, who was appointed at the Ministry of Health. Based on the information available to them, the regional intensive care coordinator directs the activities of inpatient healthcare providers and cooperates with the medical rescue service provider. Their role to date has been, and should primarily be in the future, methodical and coordinative and they should strive to find consensual solutions to potential problems. In the case of disputes with providers, however, they must be capable of enforcing the creation of sufficient inpatient capacities and the distribution of patients among providers. For this purpose, pursuant to Section 82(2)(l) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., a mechanism is stipulated to fulfil the competences of the regional public health authority to govern and control the activities of healthcare services providers, with the help of written orders.




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