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)(d) and (i) and (2) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., to protect the population and prevent the occurrence and spread of COVID-19 caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

I. All healthcare service providers:

   a) of acute inpatient care (hereinafter an “Acute Inpatient Care Provider”), effective from 24 November 2020, are ordered to adopt the measures stated in Section II, for the purpose of ensuring the necessary and reasonable personnel, material and technical capacities for the provision of healthcare services to patients with COVID-19 caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus;

   b) of inpatient subsequent and long-term care, including intensive care (hereinafter a “Subsequent Inpatient Care Provider”), with effect from 24 November 2020, are ordered to adopt the measures stated in Section III, for the purpose of ensuring the necessary and reasonable personnel, material and technical capacities for the provision of healthcare services to patients with COVID-19 caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.

II. The Measure orders Acute Inpatient Care Providers:

   a) in the case of Acute Inpatient Care Providers that are currently participating in ensuring inpatient care for patients with COVID-19, to maintain the necessary capacity of free acute care beds, including intensive care capacities, for patients with COVID-19, in accordance with the current epidemiological situation and in accordance with predictions of the need for hospitalization care;

   b) to coordinate their activities with the Regional Intensive Care Coordinator.

III. The Measure orders Subsequent Inpatient Care Providers:

   a) to maintain the necessary capacity of free beds for the purpose of accepting patients moved from acute inpatient care;
b) to provide maximum cooperation to Acute Inpatient Care Providers when arranging the transfer of patients for the purpose of releasing capacities for acute inpatient care;

c) to coordinate their activities with the Regional Intensive Care Coordinator.

IV.

Effective from 0:00 a.m. on 24 November 2020, the Extraordinary Measure of the Ministry of Health of 26 October 2020, Ref. No. MZDR 46953/2020-1/MIN/KAN, is cancelled.

V.

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 COVID-19 caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in the Czech Republic.

With regard to the falling numbers of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 whose medical condition requires the provision of acute inpatient care, including intensive care, it is necessary to maintain the necessary acute inpatient care capacities, including intensive care, for persons with COVID-19, in accordance with the current epidemiological situation, based on predictions of the need for hospitalization care and in coordination with the Regional Intensive Care Coordinator.

Extraordinary Measure of the Ministry of Health of 26 October 2020, ordering the immediate halting of the intake of new patients for the purpose of providing planned care, is rescinded.

Subsequent Inpatient Care Providers are ordered to provide cooperation to Acute Care Providers when transferring patients in such a manner as to release capacities for the provision of acute care to all patients that will need such care due to the worsening of their medical condition.

This Measure does not affect the healthcare system’s capacity intended for the provision of urgent care where its non-provision would lead to an immediate risk to life, sudden death, a serious risk to health or a serious worsening of a patient’s medical condition.

This Measure does not affect the provision of urgent care to patients with medical problems other than COVID-19 to the extent that ensures its provision to patients that require this type of care.
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