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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)(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 referred to as an “Acute Inpatient Care Provider”) are ordered, effective from 22 December 2020, to adopt the measures stated in Section II, for the purpose of ensuring the necessary and reasonable staffing, 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 subsequent and long-term inpatient care, including subsequent intensive care (hereinafter referred to as an “Subsequent Inpatient Care Provider”) are ordered, effective as of 22 December 2020, to adopt the measures stated in Section III, for the purpose of ensuring the necessary and reasonable staffing, 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) to restrict the acceptance of new patients for the purpose of the provision of planned care in accordance with Section 5(1)(d) of Act No. 372/2011 Coll., on Healthcare Services and the Conditions of their Provision, as amended (hereinafter the “Act on Healthcare Services”),
- b) to increase, in ongoing fashion, their capacity for acute inpatient care, including intensive care capacities, intended for patients with COVID-19, in accordance with the current epidemiological situation and in accordance with forecasts of needs for hospital care,
- c) to release, in ongoing fashion, acute inpatient care beds by transferring patients to subsequent or long-term care, or by releasing patients into home care, in all cases in which the transfer or release of a patient is possible without it endangering the patient’s health,
- d) to coordinate their activity with the Regional Intensive Care Coordinator who is authorised to direct the activity of healthcare service providers and to perform checks on them in accordance with Section 82 (2) (I) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll.

III.

The Measure orders Subsequent Inpatient Care Providers:

- a) to release, in ongoing fashion, subsequent care 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 activity with the Regional Intensive Care Coordinator who is authorised to direct the activity of healthcare service providers and to perform checks on them in accordance with Section 82 (2) (I) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll.

IV.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 22 December 2020, the Extraordinary Measure of the Ministry of Health of 23 November 2020, Ref. No. MZDR 46953/2020-2/MIN/KAN, is rescinded.

V.

This Extraordinary Measure takes effect on the date of its issue.

Rationale:

This Extraordinary 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 repeating increasing numbers of hospitalised patients with COVID-19 whose medical condition requires the provision of acute inpatient care, including intensive care, it is necessary to once again create the necessary acute inpatient care capacities in those regions where necessary, including intensive care, for persons with COVID-19, in accordance with the current epidemiological situation, based on predictions of the need for hospitalisation care and in coordination with the Regional Intensive Care Coordinator.

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 who 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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