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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 amendments to certain related acts, as amended, **orders** this Extraordinary Measure, proceeding pursuant to Section 69(1)(i) and (2) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., in order to protect the population from the further spread of COVID-19 caused by the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2:

### I.

Effective from 23 April 2021, Všeobecná zdravotní pojišťovna České republiky (hereinafter “VZP ČR”) and all other health insurance companies in accordance with Act No. 280/1992 Coll., on Departmental, Industry, Company and other Health Insurance Companies, as amended (hereinafter “Other Health Insurance Companies”), are ordered to promptly provide the Institute of Health Information and Statistics of the Czech Republic (hereinafter the “IHIS CR”), as the processor of the Information System for Infectious Diseases in accordance with Section 79 of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., on Public Health Protection and amendments to certain related acts, as amended, at any time they are called on by the IHIS CR, for each person whose identification data the IHIS CR provides to VZP ČR and the Other Health Insurance Companies, with information about the payer of insurance premiums for public health insurance for the relevant person to the extent of the person’s identification number (in csv format, in the structure of insured person’s number, identification number of insurance premium payer). Effective from 23 April 2021, the IHIS CR is ordered to record the information about the identification number of a payer obtained in accordance with the first sentence in the Infectious Diseases Information System.

### II.

This Extraordinary Measure shall take effect on the date of its issue.

### III.

Effective from 23 April 2021, Extraordinary Measure of the Ministry of Health of 6 April 2021, Ref. No MZDR 14580/2021-1/MIN/KAN, is cancelled.

**Rationale:**

The Ministry of Health maintains an Infectious Diseases Information System, whose processor is the Institute of Health Information and Statistics of the Czech Republic. Key information for a person that has been diagnosed as having COVID-19 includes information about where he/she works. Such information indicates whether COVID-19 is spreading at a workplace, i.e., whether a cluster of sick people work there. Unfortunately, it appears that regional public health authorities are not receiving this information from infected people and are therefore not reporting it to the Infectious Diseases Information System. Nevertheless, information that there is a larger number of infected persons at a certain employer's workplace would enable the precise focusing of measures and there would be no need for wider measures for the purpose of preventing the spread of the COVID-19 epidemic.

With regard to the insufficient ways of otherwise obtaining this information, Všeobecná zdravotní pojišťovna ČR and the Other Health Insurance Companies are ordered to provide the Institute of Health Information and Statistics of the Czech Republic with information about a payer of insurance premiums for public health insurance for a relevant person to the extent of the person's identification number. The Institute of Health Information and Statistics of the Czech Republic is then ordered to record such information in the Infectious Diseases Information System.

This information will make it possible to effectively obtain information in real time about clusters of infected persons at individual employers' workplaces.

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