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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 COVID-19 caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

I.

Effective from 8 June 2021, all healthcare service providers that have been supplied with a medicinal product owned by the Czech Republic containing the vaccination substance against COVID-19, registered or permitted for use in the Czech Republic (hereinafter the “provider”), are ordered to perform the vaccination of persons participating in the public health insurance system in the Czech Republic or persons who are entitled to the provision of healthcare services in the Czech Republic, as though they were participants in the public health insurance system in the Czech Republic, in accordance with the Methodical Instruction for the Vaccination Campaign of the Ministry of Health (hereinafter the “person indicated for vaccination”).

II.

Effective from 8 June 2021, the provider is ordered to ensure the administration of the medicinal product pursuant to Art. I to every person indicated for vaccination without payment by this person.

III.

Effective from 8 June 2021, health insurance companies are ordered to ensure the reimbursement of vaccination to a provider who has vaccinated its insured persons using a medicinal product containing a vaccine against COVID-19, procured using government budget funds based on Commission Decision C(2020) 4192 of 18 June 2020, on approval of an agreement with member states on the procurement of vaccines against COVID-19 on behalf of the member states, and related procedures and vaccine against the COVID-19 disease in accordance with the Methodical Instruction for the vaccination campaign of the Ministry of Health, regardless of the existence of a contractual relationship between the provider and health insurance company with which this person is insured, in the amount of reimbursement paid to contractual providers.

IV.

Effective from 8 June 2021, all providers are ordered to report electronic data about each performed vaccination without undue delay into the Information System of Infectious Diseases

(ISIN), COVID-19 Patient module, at the latest by the end of the day on which vaccination was performed. The report will be made upon logging into the website of the EREG department health registries at <https://ereQ.ksrzis.cz/>.

V.

Effective from 8 June 2021, all providers who performed vaccination of the first dose of vaccination against COVID-19 in the case of a two-dose scheme are ordered to provide information to the vaccinated person of the possibility of collecting an electronic version of the vaccination certificate on the web portal <https://ocko.uzis.cz>. Effective from 8 June 2021, all providers who have completed vaccination against COVID-19 pursuant to the respective vaccination scheme are ordered, subject to request by the vaccinated person, immediately upon the completion of vaccination, to issue in the environment of the Information System of Infectious Diseases (ISIN), COVID-19 Patient module, a certificate of performed vaccination.

VI.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. of 8 June 2021, the Extraordinary Measure of 13 January 2021, Ref. No. 1595/2021-1/MIN/KAN, as amended by the Extraordinary Measure of 22 February 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 1595/2021-2/MIN/KAN the Extraordinary Measure of 31 May 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 1595/2021-3/MIN/KAN, is repealed.

VII.

This Extraordinary Measure comes into force on the date it is issued and expires on the date it is repealed.

Rationale:

This Extraordinary Measure has been issued in connection with the lasting epidemic related to the occurrence of the COVID-19 disease caused by the novel coronavirus designated as SARS-CoV-2 in Europe and especially in the Czech Republic. This measure is an important condition to prevent the spread of COVID-19 caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in the territory of the Czech Republic and it is also taken, inter alia, for the purpose of enabling the gradual relaxation of extraordinary measures adopted in connection with the COVID-19 epidemic in the population.

The Ministry of Health has compiled a Methodical Instruction for the Vaccination Campaign, which sets forth the detailed principles of vaccinating persons who are participants in the Czech public health insurance system, or persons who are entitled to the provision of healthcare services in the Czech Republic as though they were participants in the public health insurance system. The measure is directed primarily towards ensuring the following obligations of the affected entities in accordance with this Methodical Instruction.

1) The healthcare service providers will be supplied with vaccines by various means, primarily with respect to their type and the ongoing phase of the vaccination campaign. Some of them (e.g. Comirnaty) will be supplied directly by the manufacturer to the predefined vaccination centers, where they may then be reallocated to other vaccination centers (other healthcare services provider with respect to the needs in the specific location, based on the instruction from the regional vaccination coordinator. Other vaccines will then be supplied via the standard

distribution chain (based on direct orders) to the offices of general practitioners and general pediatricians (children and adolescents over the age of 16). In all of these cases, it is necessary to ensure that the healthcare service providers handle the vaccines pursuant to the stipulated procedure and administer them properly to the persons who are entitled to their administration. It is essential to preclude any handling of the vaccines which would be contrary to the stipulated Methodical Instruction (e.g., use for own needs or for the needs of persons who do not belong to the priority groups).

2) To date, vaccinations against infectious diseases which are not paid from public health insurance were very often performed by vaccination centers which do not have contracts with public health insurance companies, meaning on a commercial basis. Nevertheless, in the case of the mass vaccination against COVID-19, it is desirable for even these centers, if they meet all the conditions pursuant to the Methodical Instruction and if the regional vaccination coordinator decides they should be included in the network of vaccination centers, to be able to perform vaccination and subsequently receive due payment for the performed medical procedure. Under standard conditions, a procurement procedure would have to be conducted before concluding a contract with the health insurance companies in order to allow payment from public health insurance (see Section 46 et seq. of Act No. 48/1997 Coll.). If all the deadlines were observed, the period until the conclusion of the contract and thereby the start of the vaccination would be about 2 months. Yet it is desirable to primarily employ such vaccination centers in the phase of the vaccination campaign that is already underway. For this purpose, the extraordinary measure stipulates the obligation of health insurance companies to compensate non-contractual vaccination centers for vaccination in the same manner as it would contractual healthcare services providers. Without this measure, non-contractual vaccination centers would be unable (unwilling) to perform vaccinations, which would significantly reduce the capacity and extend the process of vaccination against COVID-19.

3) In view of the fact that the Czech Republic is gradually acquiring vaccines by means other than joint EU purchases, for example by donation, it is necessary to ensure that they are provided free of charge to persons insured in the public health insurance system. To this end, healthcare services providers are now required to administer vaccinations with vaccines acquired in other ways, which are registered or permitted by the Ministry of Health for use in the Czech Republic. However, the administration of these vaccines cannot be reimbursed from public health insurance with respect to the wording of Article 30(2)(g) of Act No. 48/1997 Coll., and for this reason Art. III specifies the obligation of health insurance companies to reimburse contractual and non-contractual healthcare services providers only for the administration of vaccines purchased through EU joint purchases. Reimbursement of the administration of vaccines not purchased through joint purchases may then be dealt with in other ways depending on the nature of the situation. For example, if the vaccination is to be provided by a directly managed organisation of the Ministry of Health or a regional allowance organisation, reimbursement may be made from another public budget. If an employer uses such a vaccine for the preferential vaccination of its employees, it will pay its contractual provider who carries out the vaccination to administer the vaccine from its own funds.

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