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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 on the amendment of certain related acts, as amended, and Section 2(1) of Act No. 94/2021 Coll., on Extraordinary Measures during the COVID-19 Disease Epidemic and on the amendment of certain related acts, orders this Extraordinary Measure, proceeding pursuant to Section 69(1)(i) and (2) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., and pursuant to Section 2(2)(b) of Act No. 94/2021 Coll., in order to protect the population against the further spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

I.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 15 November 2021 until the cancellation of this Extraordinary Measure:

1. visits to patients at healthcare facilities are restricted among all healthcare service providers, in that visits may be permitted only under the condition that the person visiting the patient demonstrates to the healthcare service provider that they meet the following conditions:
 - a) the person has taken an RT-PCR test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen with a negative result no more than 72 hours ago, or
 - b) the person has taken a rapid antigen test (RAT) for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen with a negative result no more than 24 hours ago, or
 - c) the person has been vaccinated against COVID-19 and submits a national certificate of completed vaccination or a certificate of completed vaccination issued pursuant to the European Union regulation on the EU COVID digital certificate, under the condition that at least 14 days have passed since the completion of the vaccination program; a national certificate of completed vaccination refers to a written confirmation issued at least in the English language by the authorized entity operating in the third country, a specimen of which is published in the list of recognized national certificates on the website of the Ministry of Health; the written confirmation must contain data about the vaccinated person, administered type of vaccine, date of administration of the vaccine, identification of the entity that issued the confirmation of that vaccination, whereas these data must be verifiable via remote access directly from the written confirmation, assuming the vaccination was performed using
 - i) a medicinal product containing a COVID-19 vaccine granted market authorization

- under Regulation (EC) No. 726/2004, or
- ii) a medicinal product manufactured in accordance with a patent for the medicinal product pursuant to point i), if this medicinal product has been approved by the World Health Organization for emergency use; or
- d) the person has undergone a laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19, where the period of ordered isolation has ended, and no more than 180 days have passed since the first positive RT-PCR test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus or rapid antigen test (RAT) for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 antigen, or
 - e) the person takes a rapid antigen test (RAT) on the spot to stipulate the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen, intended for self-testing (use by non-professionals) with a negative result;

a person visiting a patient who fulfills one of the aforementioned conditions may conduct the visit, under the condition that they use protective respiratory equipment (nose, mouth) throughout the visit, that being a respirator or similar device (always without an exhalation valve) meeting at least all the technical conditions and requirements (for the product), including filtration effectiveness of at least 94% in accordance with the relevant standards [with the exception of children who have not yet commenced school attendance, who are not required to wear protective respiratory equipment, and with the exception of children under fifteen years if they have other protective respiratory equipment (nose, mouth) to prevent the spread of droplets], and while observing the other systemic measures imposed by the provider,

- 2. prohibits all healthcare service providers from allowing the presence of a third party during childbirth at a healthcare facility, if the following conditions are not met:
 - childbirth takes place in a separate birthing room or box with its own social amenities,
 - contact between the third party and other birthing mothers is restricted,
 - a third person is subject to the same rules as person visiting a patient pursuant to point 1,
- 3. visits to users among all social service providers, at homes for seniors and homes with special regimes, and all social service residential facilities (pursuant to Section 44, 49 and 50 of Act No. 108/2006 Coll., on Social Services), are restricted in that visits may only be permitted under the condition that the person visiting the user demonstrates to the social services provider that they meet the following conditions:
 - a) the person has taken an RT-PCR test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen with a negative result no more than 72 hours ago, or
 - b) the person has taken a rapid antigen test (RAT) for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen with a negative result no more than 24 hours ago, or
 - c) the person has been vaccinated against COVID-19 and submits a national certificate of completed vaccination or a certificate of completed vaccination issued pursuant to the European Union regulation on the EU COVID digital certificate, under the condition that at least 14 days have passed since the completion of the vaccination program; a national certificate of completed vaccination refers to a written confirmation issued at least in the English language by the authorized entity operating in the third country, a specimen of which is published in the list of recognized national certificates on the website of the Ministry of Health; the written confirmation must contain data about the vaccinated person, administered type of vaccine, date of administration of the vaccine, identification of the entity that issued the confirmation of that vaccination, whereas these data must be verifiable via remote access directly from the written confirmation, assuming the vaccination was performed using
 - i) a medicinal product containing a COVID-19 vaccine granted a marketing authorization under Regulation (EC) No. 726/2004, or
 - ii) a medicinal product manufactured in accordance with a patent for the medicinal product pursuant to point i), if this medicinal product has been approved by the World Health Organization for emergency use; or

- d) the person has undergone a laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19, where the period of ordered isolation has ended, and no more than 180 days have passed since the first positive RT-PCR test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus or rapid antigen test (RAT) for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 antigen, or
- e) the person takes a rapid antigen test (RAT) on the spot to stipulate the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen, intended for self-testing (use by non-professionals) with a negative result;

a person visiting a user who fulfills one of the aforementioned conditions may conduct the visit, under the condition that they use protective respiratory equipment (nose, mouth) throughout the visit, that being a respirator or similar device (always without an exhalation valve) meeting at least all the technical conditions and requirements (for the product), including filtration effectiveness of at least 94% in accordance with the relevant standards [with the exception of children who have not yet commenced school attendance, who are not required to wear protective respiratory equipment, and with the exception of children under fifteen years if they have other protective respiratory equipment (nose, mouth) to prevent the spread of droplets], and while observing the other systemic measures imposed by the provider, in the case of visits to users in the terminal stage of an incurable disease, the visit may be permitted under the condition that the person visiting the user observes the provider's systemic measures.

II.

Effective from 15 November 2021, the Extraordinary Measure of the Ministry of Health of 7 June 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 14597/2021-3/MIN/KAN, as amended by the Extraordinary Measure of the Ministry of Health of 2 July 2021, Ref. No. 1595/2021-6/MIN/KAN, is repealed.

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