Michigan announces temporary restrictions on non-essential medical and dental procedures

On Friday, March 20, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-17, which imposes temporary restrictions on non-essential medical and dental procedures beginning as soon as possible but no later than March 21, 2020 at 5 p.m.

Executive Order 2020-17 states that hospitals, freestanding surgical outpatient facilities, and dental facilities, and all state-operated outpatient facilities, must implement a plan to temporarily postpone all non-essential procedures until the termination of the COVID-19 state of emergency. “Non-essential procedure” means a medical or dental procedure that is not necessary to address a medical emergency or to preserve the health and safety of a patient, as determined by a licensed medical provider. For more information, read the executive order.*

The State of Michigan is implementing temporary restrictions on non-essential medical and dental procedures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, provide essential protections to vulnerable Michiganders, and ensure the availability of health care resources.

Additional provider communications about the COVID-19 pandemic are posted on our Coronavirus information updates for providers link on the BCN Provider Publications and Resources or BCBSM Newsletters and Resources web-DENIS pages.

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