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**RCS MANAGEMENT BULLETIN**

**R20-078 – INFORMATION**  
**July 8, 2020**

**TO:** RCS Regional Administrators  
RCS Field Managers  
RCS Management Team

**FROM:** Candace Goehring, Director  
Residential Care Services

**SUBJECT:** **COVID-19 PROCLAMATIONS EXTENDED TO AUGUST 1, 2020**

**PURPOSE:** To inform RCS staff about the extension of Governor's Proclamations related to long term care facilities to August 1, 2020.

**BACKGROUND:**

- On February 29, 2020, Governor Inslee declared a state of emergency for Washington State related to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- To assist facilities in managing during the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Inslee issued proclamations related to long-term care facilities.

**WHAT'S NEW, CHANGED, OR CLARIFIED:**

- At the Governor's request, the leadership of the Washington State Legislature extended 22 proclamations to August 1, 2020 at midnight, including several affecting long term care facilities.
- Proclamations related to long term care facilities that were extended include the following. Not every proclamation applies to every setting.
  - 20-29.3 Telemedicine
  - 20-32.3 Healthcare Worker Licensing
  - 20-37.3 Nurse Aide Registered Waiver
  - 20-38.3 Nursing Home and Assisted Living Facility construction related waivers
  - 20-44.2 Nursing Home Transfer or Discharge / Cohorting Residents
  - 20-52.2 An extension for several previous proclamations, including 20-05 (Emergency Declaration), 20-06, 20-10, 20-16 & 20-17 (Restricting visitors at facilities and suspending training and certification requirements, including Chapter 388-112A), and 20-18 (Suspension of licensing visits, fingerprint waiver, Nursing Home staffing waivers).

**ACTION:** **Staff will:**  
Review this bulletin and the provider letter.

**RELATED REFERENCES:** [Governor Proclamations page.](#)

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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