

THIRD EMERGENCY ORDER GRANTING TEMPORARY BLANKET WAIVER FOR COMPREHENSIVE CARE FACILITIES

Pursuant to the “Declaration of Public Health Emergency for Coronavirus Disease 2019 Outbreak” issued by Governor Eric Holcomb on March 6, 2020 (the “Governor’s Declaration”) and IC 4-21.5-4-1, and as authorized by IC 16-28-1-10 and the September 18, 1991 resolution of the Executive Board of the Indiana State Department of Health (“ISDH”), the Indiana State Health Commissioner hereby **ORDERS** as follows:

Compliance by licensed Indiana comprehensive care facilities with portions of certain state rules is **WAIVED**, subject to the specific terms, conditions, and limits set forth below:

1. The requirement of 410 IAC 16.2-3.1-14(t) (“Personnel”) that a “physical examination shall be required for each employee of a facility within one (1) month prior to employment” is waived.
2. No other state rule or portion of a state rule is affected by this Emergency Order or the waiver granted herein.
3. The waiver granted herein is effective as of March 6, 2020, and shall expire upon the earliest of (a) expiration or revocation of the Governor’s Declaration, including any extensions thereof; (b) revocation of this Emergency Order; or (c) expiration of this Emergency Order under IC 4-21.5-4-5(a)(3), including any extensions thereof, plus such additional time as the ISDH deems necessary to enable an orderly transition by facilities back to compliance with the rules or parts of rules herein waived.
4. The waiver granted herein is unique to the present emergency, and are strictly limited in effect to this time and specific situation. No part of the waiver or its language, terms or conditions shall apply or have relevance to other waivers or situations. The waiver neither establishes nor continues any precedent, policy, or approach for issuance of waivers individually or in general.
5. The ISDH has affirmatively determined that granting the waiver herein will not adversely affect the health, safety and welfare of any affected residents or patients.

SO ORDERED as of the date set forth below.

Kristina Box, MD, FACOG
State Health Commissioner

By: 

Matthew Foster, Assistant Commissioner
Consumer Services & Health Care Regulation

Date: March 23, 2020