

STATE OF FLORIDA  
AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

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In Re:  
TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF  
CERTIFICATE OF NEED BATCHING  
CYCLE

AHCA NO. 20-004

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**EMERGENCY ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory condition accompanied by fever and cough and other symptoms that can spread through humans through contact; and

**WHEREAS**, all counties in Florida have confirmed cases of COVID-19 that are growing in number daily and straining virtually every health care resource available within the State; and

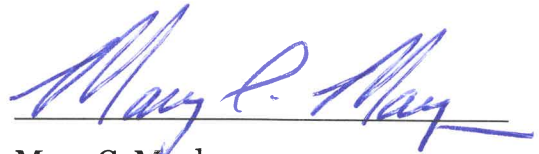
**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Florida, Ron DeSantis signed Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency in Florida and providing the power for State agencies to suspend the provisions of any Florida regulatory statute or rule that would prevent timely execution of the State's necessary actions to prevent, mitigate or respond to the state of emergency and fully execute the actions required in response to COVID-19 consistent with the State's Emergency Management Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARY C. MAYHEW**, as Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 20-52, find that strict compliance with the provisions of certain regulatory statutes and rules prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business by the Agency for Health

Care Administration will prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency caused by COVID-19. In order to effectively respond to the threat posed by COVID-19, it is necessary to promulgate the following:

1. 59C-1.008(1)(g), Florida Administrative Code is temporarily suspended for the purpose of cancelling the Certificate of Need Hospital Facilities and Hospice 2<sup>nd</sup> Batching Cycle scheduled to begin on the third Friday in July 2020.

Executed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020, in Agency for Health Care Administration Offices, Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.



Mary C. Mayhew  
Secretary  
Agency for Health Care Administration