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On January 31, 2020, in response to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, the Secretary for the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a national public health emergency; this declaration was most recently renewed on April 20, 2021. Additionally, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national state of emergency which was extended by President Biden on February 24, 2021.

On March 6, 2020, Governor Andy Beshear signed Executive Order 2020-215 declaring a state of emergency due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in the Commonwealth. At this time, after fighting the COVID-19 virus for well over a year, the Commonwealth and the United States is faced with a new threat, the Delta variant of COVID-19.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), the Delta variant is nearly twice as contagious as previous COVID-19 variants, and fully vaccinated people with Delta variant breakthrough infections can spread the virus to others. Hospitalizations from COVID-19 are doubling every two weeks, by far the fastest rate of growth of the pandemic, stressing hospitals across the Commonwealth to the breaking point. Furthermore, the surge of hospitalizations of children with COVID-19 is causing children's hospitals to become overwhelmed.

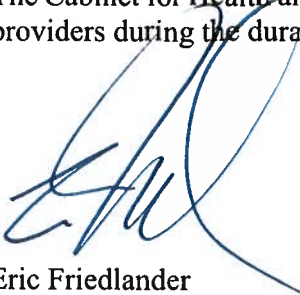
Therefore, pursuant to the authority in KRS 194A.025, KRS 214.020, KRS 39A.356 and Executive Order 2020-215, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services states that the following directives are in effect as long as any of the executive actions remain in effect:

Pursuant to KRS 39A.356, the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, Kentucky Board of Nursing, and Kentucky Board of Respiratory Care are hereby directed to review licenses submitted by health practitioners licensed in states other than Kentucky, confirm they are licensed and in good standing to perform health services, and accept licenses found valid as authorization to practice their respective profession within the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the duration of this emergency.

These practitioners may only perform services necessary to support COVID-19 response efforts during the duration of the state of emergency; these services are limited to inpatient hospital services and skilled nursing care.

The Secretary for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services has been designated by the Governor to deliver these directives during this public health emergency.

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services will continue to provide information and updates to healthcare providers during the duration of this Public Health Emergency.



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