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EXTRAORDINARY MEASURE

The Ministry of Health as an administrative authority competent pursuant to Section 80 (1) letter g) of the Act No. 258/2000 Coll., on Protection of Public Health, and on change of certain related acts, as amended (the "Act No. 258/2000 Coll."), adopts within procedure pursuant to Section 69 (1) letter i) of the Act No. 258/2000 Coll., in order to protect the population and to prevent danger of outbreak and spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, this extraordinary measure:

I.

Any and all providers of acute inpatient care are instructed:

- 1. in order to prevent the spread of infectious COVID-19 disease within the health facility, to allocate the premises by the entrance to the health facility, or at other appropriate premises, for the classification of all patients entering the health facility, including patients handed over by the medical emergency service,**
- 2. to develop a methodology providing the rules for the classification of patients from the view of further provision of health services and aiming at identifying patients with a suspected COVID-19 disease or proven COVID-19 disease, as well as rules for the provision of health services to such patients,**
- 3. to ensure the classification of all patients entering the health facility in accordance with the methodology referred to in point 2,**
- 4. to allocate the premises within the health facility that shall be determined for providing health care to patients with a suspicion of a COVID-19 disease or a proven COVID-19 disease,**
- 5. to establish a dispatch of personal protective equipment for the central evidence of its supplying, planning its need and its allocation.**

II.

This extraordinary measure becomes effective on the day of its issue.

Rationale:

The extraordinary measure is adopted in relation to the adverse development of the epidemiologic situation of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new coronavirus designated SARS-CoV-2 in the Czech Republic.

Allocating an area for the need of acute inpatient care for patients with a suspected COVID-19 disease or already with an ongoing disease, their identification as soon as they enter the health facility of the health service provider and ensuring appropriate hygiene / epidemiological measures is a prerequisite to ensure the provision of health services in an ongoing epidemic and expected increased need for the use of inpatient care.

At the same time, in order to ensure the supply of personal protective equipment, it is necessary to set up a system of evidencing the requirements and distribution of personal protective equipment within the health service provider.

The establishment of adequate health-epidemiological measures and their ongoing updates due to the development of the current epidemiological situation is one of the important prerequisites for the protection of patients and workers of health service provider to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.

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Signed electronically