



Order R20-08

Order Amending Regulatory Order R20-06

All insurers licensed in the state of Alaska or issuing insurance in the State of Alaska, insurance industry representatives and other interested parties are encouraged to review the latest information about COVID-19 released by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services at: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx>.

BACKGROUND

On March 11, 2020, Governor Mike Dunleavy issued a public health disaster emergency order. This order was made to protect Alaskans from the adverse effects of COVID-19. Due to the Governor's declaration and pursuant to AS 21.06.080(d), the director finds that emergency measures are needed to ensure Alaskans maintain their insurance coverage while allowing insurers increased flexibility.

THE DIRECTOR HEREBY ORDERS:

1. Provision 1 in Regulatory Order R20-06 ordering insurers to suspend preauthorization reviews for inpatient and outpatient services shall expire June 1, 2020.
2. Provision 2 in Regulatory Order R20-06 ordering insurers to suspend concurrent reviews for inpatient hospital services shall expire June 1, 2020.
3. Provision 3 in Regulatory Order R20-06 ordering insurers to suspend retrospective reviews for inpatient and outpatient services and emergency services shall expire June 1, 2020.
4. Provision 4 in Regulatory Order R20-06 ordering insurers to suspend preauthorization requirements for post-acute placements shall expire June 1, 2020.
5. Provision 6 in Regulatory Order R20-06 ordering insurers to suspend nonessential audits of hospital and provider payments shall expire June 1, 2020.

This order is effective May 22, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori Wing-Heier".

Lori Wing-Heier, Director