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HEALTHCARE FACILITY NOTICE
NOTICE #2020-COVID19-ALL-006

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TO: All Licensed Health Care Facilities in Louisiana
Healthcare Professionals licensed by the LSBME or LSBN

FROM: LDH Office of Public Health
Jimmy Guidry, State Health Officer

RE: Medical and Surgical Procedures

DATE: March 18, 2020

This Healthcare Facility Notice will provide new information on Elective Procedures, and shall supersede the information on Elective Procedures in the LDH Notice #2020-COVID19-ALL-002 dated March 13, 2020. This directive is applicable to all licensed health care facilities in Louisiana, as well as all healthcare professionals licensed by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners or the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

The State of Louisiana, Department of Health ("LDH"), is committed to taking critical steps to ensure public health and safety; to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the State of Louisiana, Department of Health, is **DIRECTING AND REQUIRING** that all licensed healthcare facilities in Louisiana and all healthcare professionals licensed by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners or the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, adhere to the following provisions, restrictions, and limitations, **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**:

MEDICAL AND SURGICAL PROCEDURES
Revised 3.18.2020

1. The Department hereby directs that any and all medical and surgical procedures that, in the medical opinion and judgment of the physician or other appropriate healthcare professional acting within the scope of his/her license, can be safely postponed for a period of thirty (30) days, SHALL be postponed for a period of thirty (30) days. This thirty (30) day period shall run from March 19, 2020, through April 21, 2020, unless otherwise extended in writing by the Department.

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