



D 2021 081

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Amending and Extending Executive Orders D 2020 077, D 2020 108, D 2020 139, D 2020 165, D 2020 191, D 2020 220, D 2020 247, D 2020 277, D 2021 011, D 2021 038, and D 2021 059 Ordering the Temporary Suspension of Certain Statutes to Increase the Medicaid Home Health Workforce and Eliminate Cost Sharing for COVID-19 Testing and Treatment for Medicaid Enrollees

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution and the relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.*, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order amending and extending Executive Orders D 2020 077, D 2020 108, D 2020 139, D 2020 165, D 2020 191, D 2020 220, D 2020 247, D 2020 277, D 2021 011, D 2021 038, and D 2021 059, which temporarily suspend certain statutes to increase the Medicaid home health workforce and eliminate cost sharing for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) testing and treatment for Medicaid enrollees.

I. Background and Purpose

On March 5, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) public health laboratory confirmed the first presumptive positive COVID-19 test result in Colorado. Since then, the number of confirmed cases has continued to climb, and we have evidence of community spread throughout the State. I verbally declared a disaster emergency on March 10, 2020, and on March 11, 2020, I issued the corresponding Executive Order D 2020 003, as amended and extended by Executive Orders D 2020 018, D 2020 032, D 2020 058, D 2020 076, D 2020 109, D 2020 125, D 2020 152, D 2020 176, D 2020 205, D 2020 234, D 2020 258, D 2020 264, D 2020 268, D 2020 284, D 2020 290, D 2020 296, D 2021 009, D 2021 022, D 2021 028, D 2021 045, D 2021 061, and D 2021 068. On March 25, 2020, I requested that the President of the United States declare a Major Disaster for the State of Colorado, pursuant to the Stafford Act. The President approved that request on March 28, 2020.

My administration, along with other State, local, and federal authorities, has undertaken a broad array of actions to respond to and mitigate the effects of the pandemic, prevent further spread, preserve our health care resources, and provide needed flexibility to address the collateral consequences of the pandemic.

This Executive Order amends Executive Order D 2020 077, as extended by Executive Orders D 2020 108, D 2020 139, D 2020 165, D 2020 191, D 2020 220, D 2020 247, D 2020 277, D 2021 011, D 2021 038, and D 2021 059, extending only sections II.A.4 and II.A.5 for an

additional thirty (30) days to continue the temporary suspension of statutory requirements for cost sharing for COVID-19 testing and treatment for Medicaid enrollees and the direct and indirect health care services costs.

II. Amendments

Section II of Executive Order D 2020 077, as extended by Executive Orders D 2020 108, D 2020 139, D 2020 165, D 2020 191, D 2020 220, D 2020 247, D 2020 277, D 2021 011, D 2021 038, and D 2021 059, is amended as follows:

1. Delete Section II.A.1.
2. Delete Section II.A.2.
3. Delete Section II.A.3.

III. Duration

Executive Order D 2020 077, as amended and extended by Executive Orders D 2020 108, D 2020 139, D 2020 165, D 2020 191, D 2020 220, D 2020 247, D 2020 277, D 2021 011, D 2021 038, D 2021 059, and this Executive Order, shall expire thirty (30) days from April 6, 2021, unless extended further by Executive Order. In all other respects, Executive Order D 2020 077, as extended by Executive Orders D 2020 108, D 2020 139, D 2020 165, D 2020 191, D 2020 220, D 2020 247, D 2020 277, D 2021 011, D 2021 038, and D 2021 059, shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.



GIVEN under my hand and
the Executive Seal of the
State of Colorado, this sixth
day of April, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis
Governor