

GOVERNOR ISSUES GUIDANCE ON REOPENING FOR TEXAS HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Texas Governor Greg Abbott Issues Additional Orders to Reopen Texas

Katten continues to help providers navigate federal, state and local laws as they look to restart elective surgeries and procedures.

Executive Orders [GA-18](#) (opening of retail, restaurants, shopping malls, etc.); [GA-19](#) (regulating medical practice); and [GA-20](#) (rescinding certain travel restrictions) were issued on April 27, 2020.

Effective May 1, 2020, Executive Order GA-19 supersedes Executive Order GA-15, dated April 17, 2020, regarding medical procedures in the State of Texas. The prior order specifically restricted elective procedures, while Executive Order GA-19 leaves the regulation of licensed health care professionals to the licensing agencies and requires hospitals to reserve at least 15 percent of its hospital capacity for the treatment of COVID-19 patients. The 15 percent reservation for COVID-19 patients is reduced from the prior order requiring reservation for 20 percent.

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EO-GA-18, Expanded Reopening of Services – COVID-19 (April 27, 2020)

https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-18_expanded_reopening_of_services_COVID-19.pdf

EO-GA-19, Hospital Capacity – COVID-19 (April 27, 2020)

https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-19_hospital_capacity_COVID-19.pdf

EO-GA-20, Expanding Travel without Restrictions – COVID-19 (April 27, 2020)

https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-20_expanding_travel_without_restrictions_COVID-19.pdf

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