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EXTRAORDINARY MEASURE

The Ministry of Health, as the competent administrative authority pursuant to Section 80(1)(g) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., on Public Health Protection and amendments to certain related acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as “Act No. 258/2000 Coll.”), orders this Extraordinary Measure, proceeding pursuant to Section 69(1)(i) and (2) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., in order to protect the population and prevent the occurrence and spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

I.

All providers of healthcare services who provide spa therapeutic rehabilitation care are ordered to implement the following restrictions of operation:

- a) **The accommodation of patients will only be permitted in single rooms, with the exception of the joint accommodation of the patient with their companion, if they are members of the same household.**
- b) **Meals will be provided to patients in the dining room only while ensuring a distance of at least 2 meters between the individual patients; this distance need not be observed by the patient and their companion if they are members of the same household.**
- c) **Group therapeutic procedures will be conducted with a maximum of 5 participants (including the provider’s healthcare or other worker).**
- d) **Accommodation may only be provided to patients for the purpose of providing spa therapeutic rehabilitation care, and to their companions.**

II.

The extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health of 25 March 2020, Ref. No. MZDR 13285/2020-1/MIN/KAN, is repealed.

III

This extraordinary measure takes effect on 27 April 2020.

Rationale:

This Extraordinary Measure has been issued in connection with the development of the epidemiological situation in terms of the occurrence of the COVID-19 disease, caused by the novel coronavirus designated as SARS-CoV-2 in the Czech Republic.

The extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health of 25 March 2020, Ref. No. MZDR 13285/2020-1/MIN/KAN, which prohibited the acceptance of new patients for the purpose of providing spa therapeutic rehabilitation care, is repealed. Hence, as of the effective date of this extraordinary measure, it will be possible to accept new patients, but only under the conditions stipulated by this extraordinary measure.

In order to prevent the potential spreading of the contagion and restricting mutual contact among patients, accommodation is ordered to be only individually in single rooms. An exception applies to two-member groups (the patient and their companion) who were members of the same household before the stay.

For the same reason, maintaining a minimum distance between patients is required in the course of providing meal services.

Another measure to prevent the potential spreading of the contagion is the prohibition of providing group therapeutic procedures with more than 5 participants. The group may consist of one healthcare worker and at most 4 clients.

If the patient's spa rehabilitation care requires the presence of a companion, the provider of spa therapeutic rehabilitation care may allow the accommodation of this person.

Pursuant to Section 94a(4) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., it applies that if the reasons for issuing the general measure pursuant to subsection (2) were to pass or change, the public health protection authority will immediately cancel or change the measure.

This extraordinary measure takes effect on 27 April 2020.

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