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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 amending certain related acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "Act No. 258/2000 Coll."), **orders**, proceeding pursuant to Section 69(1)(i) and (2) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., on protecting the population and preventing the occurrence and spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, this Extraordinary Measure:

I.

Effective as at 28 March 2020, all healthcare services providers are ordered to prohibit visits to patients in healthcare institutions in which in-patient care is provided, with the exception of:

- **patients who are minors;**
- **patients whose legal capacity has been restricted;**
- **patients in hospices and other patients in a terminal stage of an incurable illness.**

Effective as at 28 March 2020, all healthcare services providers are ordered to prohibit the presence of third persons during delivery in a healthcare institution, with the exception of deliveries by women who are:

- **foreigners requiring interpreting;**
- **suffer from a serious mental illness;**
- **deaf, blind, or suffering from another serious disability;**

and with the exception of cases when the delivery of a stillborn baby is expected.

Effective as at 28 March 2020, all social services facilities (pursuant to Section 34 of Act No. 108/2006 Coll., on social services) providing in-patient care and all alleviating

social services providing in-patient care are ordered to prohibit visits to persons with the exception of:

- **users of social services who are minors;**
- **users of social services whose legal capacity has been restricted;**
- **users of social services in a terminal stage of an incurable illness.**

II.

Extraordinary Measure No. MZDR 12344/2020-1/MIN/Kan of 18 March 2020 is hereby rescinded.

III.

This Extraordinary Measure shall take effect on the date of its issue.

Rationale:

This Extraordinary Measure has been issued in connection with the adverse 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.

Given the current spread of the COVID-19 disease in the Czech Republic and in most European Union Member States, and generally in more than 100 countries around the world, further spread of the COVID-19 disease must be prevented.

This measure is an important prerequisite for preventing the spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in the Czech Republic, in relation to vulnerable groups of persons.

The objective of this Measure is to temporarily limit to the maximum extent social contact among people, so as to best prevent communal transmission of the COVID-19 disease. For that reason, visits are prohibited to patients treated by in-patient care healthcare providers and visits to clients in social-service facilities (pursuant to Section 34 of Act No. 108/2006 Coll., on social services) providing in-patient care, and alleviating social services providing in-patient care. Certain exceptions from this prohibition have been set for patients and clients for whom maintaining contact with their family and friends is important for their health and mental comfort or to give them an opportunity to die with dignity. In the case of deliveries, exceptions are granted for those cases when the presence of a family member or friend is required for managing the delivery by a woman with a medical disability or due to a language barrier.

Immediate implementation of the Measure is required due to the daily increases in the numbers of infected persons in the Czech Republic, and consequently, this Extraordinary Measure shall take effect on the day of its issue.

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