



Executive Order – Elective Surgeries

With hospitals reporting increased availability of personal protective equipment (PPE) and bed capacity, Governor Ducey, on 4/22/20, issued an Executive Order removing restrictions on conducting elective surgeries. Under the new order, hospitals, dental offices and other health facilities can resume conducting elective surgeries on May 1 if they can show they have implemented measures intended to keep health care workers and patients safe. These include:

- Demonstrating greater than a 14 day supply of PPE;
- Ensuring adequate staffing and beds;
- Testing patients prior to surgery and all at-risk health care workers;
- Ensuring appropriate discharge plans for patients being transferred to nursing care facilities, including diagnostic testing for COVID-19;
- Implementing a universal symptom screening process for staff, patients, and visitors;
- Establishing an enhanced cleaning process for waiting areas;
- And prioritizing the restart of elective surgeries based on urgency.

Facilities that meet the specified standards will need to receive approval from the Department of Health Services (DHS) before resuming elective surgeries. Additional information, regarding Executive Order 2020-32, along with the link for the attestation to request approval, can be found at <https://www.azdhs.gov/documents/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/novel-coronavirus/healthcare-providers/waiver-faq.pdf>.

For additional COVID-19 communications please visit <https://healthcurrent.org/ahcccs-covid19/>. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your Health Plan Representative.

