

December 20, 2021

Governor Wolf Extends COVID-19 Disaster Declaration

Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) Impacted

On March 6, 2020, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf signed a COVID-19 Disaster Declaration covering the entire Commonwealth. The Governor subsequently extended the declaration.

Recently, on December 15, 2021, Governor Wolf extended a portion of the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration another 90 days or until February 21, 2022.

As a result of this extension of the emergency declaration, prior authorization requirements will immediately be waived for acute care admission discharges to Skilled Nursing Facilities only, for the entire state of Pennsylvania. This waiver will be in effect for the next 90 days after which we will re-evaluate based on current COVID-19 conditions. This does not include admission discharges to LTACHs or Inpatient Rehabilitation.

If there is future guidance from DHS or the Governor's Emergency Declaration is lifted, we will communicate those changes in an updated notice and post it on our [COVID-19 Resources web page](#).

Questions?

If you have any question regarding COVID-19 related guidance you can call our Provider Relations team at 1-866-638-1232.

