On March 23, 2020, the Maryland Department of Health issued a Directive and Order concerning various health matters including the cessation of all elective or non-urgent surgeries in Maryland. Effective at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, all Maryland licensed hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, and other licensed health care facilities must cease all elective and non-urgent medical procedures. All Maryland health care practitioners are instructed to cease “all elective and non-urgent medical procedures and appointments” and to only perform medical procedures that are critically necessary for the maintenance of health for a patient. Maryland’s Directive and Order is in effect for the duration of the catastrophic health emergency.

The Department of Health has released this graphic to aid health care practitioners in determining whether a procedure is elective or non-urgent. Additionally, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has released this guidance on elective and non-urgent surgeries. Further resources on Maryland’s response to COVID-19 may be accessed here.

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