

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, to date the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued two emergency use authorizations (EUAs) for oral antivirals for the outpatient treatment of COVID-19: Molnupiravir and Paxlovid;

WHEREAS, the FDA is considering and may in the future approve EUAs for additional medications for the treatment of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) has issued an alert through the MS Health Alert Network (HAN) (MSHAN-20211228-00548-ALT¹) advising that Mississippi will receive a limited supply of these antivirals that will become available during the week ending December 31, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (Board) finds that it is in the best interests of the State to enable immediate access to such medications in accordance with the terms, conditions, and limitations of EUA 105 issued for Paxlovid² on December 22, 2021, and EUA 108 issued for molnupiravir³ on December 23, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Board also finds that it would be in the best interests of the State to enable immediate access to other new medications for which the FDA issues EUAs for the treatment of COVID-19 in the future, in accordance with the terms, conditions, and limitations of any such future EUAs.

NOW THEREFORE, effective immediately, the Board hereby waives the requirements of Title 30, Part 2640, Rule 1.9 *Requirements for Dispensing Physicians*, solely for the purpose of allowing physician licensees to dispense specific medications authorized by the FDA for the treatment of COVID-19, subject to current and future FDA EUAs and guidance, as well as future alerts and guidance from the Mississippi State Department of Health.

¹ https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/ static/resources/17247.pdf

² https://www.fda.gov/media/155049/download

³ https://www.fda.gov/media/155053/download

FURTHER, except as specifically waived herein, all other regulations remain in full force and effect.

SO ORDERED AND APPROVED by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, this the 29th day of December 2021.

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