



# FMA Summary of Executive Order 20-112

## Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery April 30, 2020

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At 12:01 a.m. on May 4, 2020, Florida physicians and other healthcare providers will be allowed to resume the performance of elective procedures that have been prohibited since March 20.

Recognizing the adverse impact that Executive Order 20-72 has had on patients with non-COVID-19 related healthcare conditions, Gov. Ron DeSantis announced during his Wednesday, April 29 press conference that the ban on elective procedures will be lifted statewide.

Executive Order 20-112 provides that hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, office surgery centers, dental offices, orthodontic offices, endodontic offices or other healthcare practitioners' offices (i.e., physicians) may perform procedures prohibited by Executive Order 20-72 only if:

- A. The facility has the capacity to immediately convert additional facility-identified surgical and intensive care beds for treatment of COVID-19 patients in a surge capacity situation;
- B. The facility has adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) to complete all medical procedures and respond to

COVID-19 treatment needs, without the facility seeking any additional federal or state assistance regarding PPE supplies;

- C. The facility has not sought any additional federal, state, or local government assistance regarding PPE supplies since resuming elective procedures; and
- D. The facility has not refused to provide support to and proactively engage with skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities and other long-term care residential providers.

The Governor's order came a little over a week after the FMA delivered [a letter from FMA President Ron F. Giffler, MD, JD, MBA](#), requesting that Executive Order 20-72 be lifted to ensure that patients will be able to continue to access the high-quality healthcare services they need.

The full text of [Executive Order 20-112](#) can be accessed [here](#).

Any FMA member who has a question regarding the Governor's Executive Order can contact the FMA Legal Department at [legal@FLmedical.org](mailto:legal@FLmedical.org) for assistance.

Answers to [FAQs about Executive Order 20-112](#) are available [here](#).