

Sec. X. GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD; REGULATION; WAIVER OR VARIANCE PERMITTED

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of 18 V.S.A. Chapters 220 and 221, 8 VSA 4062, 33 VSA chapter 18, subchapter 1 and the Green Mountain Care Board's administrative rules, guidance, or standards to the contrary, within 6 months of a declared state of emergency in Vermont as a result of COVID-19, the Green Mountain Care Board may waive or permit variances from the following State laws, rules, guidance and standards governing providers of health care services as necessary to prioritize and maximize direct patient care, ensure the sustainability of health care providers, allow for continuation of operations with a reduced workforce, and ensure orderly regulatory processes that are responsive to evolving needs to the extent such waivers or variances are permitted under federal law:

- (1) Hospital budgets;
- (2) Certificates of need;
- (3) Insurance rate review; and
- (4) Accountable Care Organization budgets and programs.

(b) If determined to be constitutional and notwithstanding 1 VSA 312, the Green Mountain Care Board may conduct a public meeting or hearing telephonically or through the internet so long as there is a mechanism for the public to attend by telephone.