



Governor Ivey Provides Physicians Liability Protections from COVID-19



Today, Gov. Ivey issued an order protecting physicians, their staff, and their practices from lawsuits related to COVID-19. The governor's order, the eighth such supplemental emergency order issued by her administration since the pandemic began, provides a "safe harbor" for services affected by COVID-19 or Alabama's response to the pandemic and from other COVID-19 related claims.

[Click here to view a summary of the order.](#)

[Click here to see the official proclamation.](#)

“As one of many Alabamians on the front lines of this pandemic, I thank Gov. Ivey for working with the Medical Association to provide this much-needed liability protection for these unprecedented circumstances affecting care provisions that are far beyond any of our control,” Medical Association President John Meigs, Jr., M.D., said.

[Read the Full Story on NewsCenter](#)

Safer at Home Order Amended



The safer at home order that closed restaurants and bars, gyms, salons and churches in Alabama will end Monday, May 11. Governor Kay Ivey announced the changes to the safer at home order during today's press conference. The new order will remain in place until May 22. You can [view the informational sheet released by the Governor's office here.](#)

“Today's order will hopefully provide another round of hope for all of us,” Ivey said. She also issued two different emergency proclamations related to the coronavirus pandemic, the first designed to protect healthcare workers and businesses from lawsuits and the second related to the July 14 primary runoff election. [Read the full article from AL.com for more details.](#)

[See the Order Here](#)

Important Alabama Medicaid Update

The Medical Association of the State of Alabama along with the Alabama Chapter-AAP and the AAFP, had previously requested relief from Medicaid on a number of issues related to the COVID-19 crisis. Pursuant to our requests for changes in Medicaid policy, the Medicaid commissioner has responded with the attached letter. In her letter, Medicaid has agreed with the Medical Association to provide physicians a number of beneficial policy changes including additional payments for telehealth visits, wellness visits, and nursing triage care.

[Click here for Commissioner Azar's letter of response.](#)

These changes will be sent in an alert to all Medicaid providers in the next couple of days. On behalf of the Medical Association, we commend Commissioner Stephanie Azar and the Ivey administration for adopting these changes.



Medical Association of the State of Alabama is offering a way for practices to order PPE that they might be having trouble obtaining including: disposable masks, N95 masks and disposable gowns. This service is provided through ActionPPE, who has also worked with medical associations in Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah and West Virginia.

[Find More Information Here.](#)

COVID-19 QUESTIONS? GET ANSWERS & EARN CME.



As providers, physicians and members of the health care team want to do whatever they can to ensure the health and well-being of their patients. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the practice of medicine is facing challenges in delivering the best care amid government mandates and ever-changing public perceptions of the situation. At the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, we want to help by offering online COVID-19 CME courses (free for members).

Courses include:

- **PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS IN THE COVID-19 ERA**
- **PPE FOR PHYSICIANS: NEW, USED AND REFRESHED**
- **AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE DOCTOR'S SYMPTOMS OF COVID AND THOUGHTS ABOUT THE PANDEMIC**

Credits

The Medical Foundation of Alabama designates this enduring material for a maximum of .25 AMA PRA Category 1 CreditsSM. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama through the joint providership of the Medical Foundation of Alabama and the Medical Association of the State of Alabama. The Medical Foundation of Alabama is accredited by the Medical Association of the State of Alabama to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

[HTTPS://WWW.ALAMEDICAL.ORG/COVID19](https://www.alamedical.org/covid19)



If you no longer wish to receive these emails, please [unsubscribe](#)

