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Pennsylvania Department of Health  
Alison Beam, Secretary  
Health and Welfare Building, 8th Floor West  
625 Forster Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Secretary Beam:

Act 21 of 2021 provided for an extension of the waived and suspended regulations through September 30, 2021. These waived and suspended regulations were initiated by the March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, disaster emergency declaration.

When the legislature went through the process of passing Act 21, it became apparent one of the reasons for continuing the suspensions and waivers of regulations was due to administrative agencies not being prepared for regulatory reinstatement.

This letter is to serve as notice that your department should begin the process of planning for the reinstatement of those suspended or waived regulations that are pertinent to the operation and processes and programs administered by your department if you have not already done so.

While Republican chairs of House standing committees have been directed by my office to thoroughly examine all waived and suspended regulations, it is incumbent upon your department and its employees to work to ensure that all regulations can be reinstated starting on, or before September 30, 2021.

In the meantime, I strongly encourage your office or designated staff to work with standing committee chairs and Executive Directors on regulatory suspensions and waivers that need to be permanently repealed or reformed.

Given the short legislative schedule facing the General Assembly prior to the September 30, 2021 deadline, your cooperation in working with the legislature to ensure a smooth transition from suspensions and waivers to a reformed regulatory framework is critical to Pennsylvanians and our continued economic recovery.

Since your department does have jurisdiction relative to tele-health services provided in Pennsylvania, I want to make it clear nothing in current law prohibits tele-health services from being provided at pre-pandemic levels should the regulatory framework return to normal.

With that understanding, prepare as though all suspended and waived regulations will be reinstated, but also work with us on any that need to be permanently changed.

Thank you for your cooperation and I look forward to your continued cooperation in the management of our state government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kerry A. Benninghoff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "K".

KERRY A. BENNINGHOFF  
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