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**Statement from House Republican Leader Christine Drahan on Lifting
Executive Order on Non-urgent Medical Procedures**

SALEM, Ore. - Starting May 1st, hospitals and other medical facilities can begin offering non-urgent procedures as long as they can demonstrate they have met new requirements for COVID-19 safety and preparedness. House Republican Leader Christine Drahan (R-Canby) released the following statement:

“Our rural hospitals, dentists, surgical centers and other specialty medical providers made a huge sacrifice when they had their doors closed to non-essential procedures and donated their stock of personal protective equipment in order to prepare the state for a surge of COVID-19 cases. We saw a spike in unemployment claims in the medical field, and countless Oregonians were not able to receive treatment. Now, those facilities can get back to work and Oregonians will once again have access to necessary medical procedures. While this is just a small step toward getting Oregon back to work, it is an important one.”

Medical providers wishing to resume offering non-urgent procedures will need to demonstrate they have the ability to:

- Minimize the risk of coronavirus transmission to patients and healthcare workers
- Maintain adequate hospital capacity in the event of a surge in COVID-19 cases
- Support the health care workforce in safely resuming activities

Medical providers must also demonstrate that they have an adequate amount of personal protective equipment (PPE) available for health care workers and hospitals must continue to report PPE supply levels daily to the Oregon Health Authority. Hospitals must demonstrate adequate COVID-19 testing capacity, including the ability to screen patients before non-urgent procedures, and follow strict infection control protocols.

Facilities that are ready to begin resuming non-urgent procedures will need to do so gradually, in order to preserve capacity to treat COVID-19 patients.

Detailed framework for hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers is available [here](#).

Detailed framework for medical and dental offices is available [here](#).

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