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Non-Emergent, Elective Medical Services and Treatment Recommendations

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently issued updated recommendations to postpone non-essential surgeries and other procedures to conserve critical health care resources and limit exposure of patients and staff to COVID-19.

The recommendations outline a tiered approach for state and local officials, clinicians and delivery systems to consider to prioritize services and care to those who require emergent or urgent attention to save a life, manage severe disease, or avoid further harm from an underlying condition.

The treatment recommendations for non-emergent elective medical services outline the following:

- Factors to be considered as to whether planned surgery should proceed
- Recommended actions
- Definitions
- Examples of the type of surgeries for each tier category

Please review the CMS recommendations at the following link: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/cms-non-emergent-elective-medical-recommendations.pdf>.

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