

Critical Industry Employee Authorization to Travel Regardless of the Time of Day

March 20, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

The individual in possession of this letter works for _____ Pharmacy and must travel to and from work and engage in his or her work activities regardless of the time of day. The Healthcare industry is a sector that has been deemed by the U.S. Government as critical to the infrastructure of the United States. Healthcare is essential for the continued function of the economy, and health and safety of citizens in this time of crisis. It is essential that this individual be permitted to proceed to or from the pharmacy or to perform job functions related to the pharmacy such as pick up or delivery.

Pharmacy employees necessary for filling prescriptions are a covered worker under the Healthcare industry who has been designated a "Critical Infrastructure Workforce" by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), who executes the Department of Homeland Security's responsibilities assigned under the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and has provided guidance on essential critical infrastructure workforce.¹ It is therefore the policy of the United States government that these industries continue to function with minimal disruption in the event of an emergency. Furthermore, in a March 16, 2020 guidance, the President of the United States instructed employees of Critical Infrastructure Industries, including healthcare, to continue to perform their normal job functions during the coronavirus pandemic. (*The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America*, Mar. 16, 2020).²

The continued operation of the Healthcare industry is vital to the health and wellness of the American people during this emergency and this worker is unable to perform their job functions remotely.

As such, the individual in possession of this letter is a critical infrastructure industry employee of the Healthcare industry and should be considered exempt from local restrictions such as curfews, shelter-in-place orders, and other mobility restrictions when reporting to, returning from, or performing their work functions. We ask that you allow this individual to continue with their job in the interest of protecting public health.

Should you have any questions concerning this authorization, please contact _____ at _____.

Certified by,

Pharmacy Logo suggested

1. <https://www.cisa.gov/publication/guidance-essential-critical-infrastructure-workforce>
2. https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20_coronavirus-guidance_8.5x11_315PM.pdf