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Subject: **FW: Halt/delay of non-urgent procedures blurb**

Hey Senator,

Thanks again for the conversation today. Spoke with our policy analyst who worked on this issue and learned that we never issued the more detailed guidance document I'd seen – instead we worked through scenarios with members as they raised them with us. We did include the below piece in one of our membership memos that go out to all of our docs, attempting to clarify the settings in which the delay order applies.

From [the 3/26 memo](#):

The governor's ban on elective surgeries and procedures is now in effect. As [detailed in the proclamation](#), Gov. Inslee's order applies to hospitals, ambulatory surgery facilities (ASC), dental, orthodontic and endodontic offices in Washington state. We want to assure members that the proclamation only applies to the entities listed in the actual proclamation. While hospital outpatient clinics are referenced, it is to distinguish them from the hospital setting. Clinics—hospital based or otherwise—are not covered by this proclamation. If a clinic operates as an ASC, they should follow the guidance and cancel/postpone elective/non-urgent procedures unless in their medical judgment a condition will be made worse. DOH has indicated it wants patients to continue to receive care in their communities, whether in person or virtually.