



Executive Order – Elective, Non-Essential Surgeries for Dental Providers

On April 22nd 2020, Governor Ducey issued an Executive Order removing restrictions on elective surgeries. According to this executive order, dental providers may resume services that meet “elective, non-essential surgery” as indicated below. Dental providers are also able to perform dental treatment and procedures, such as general dentistry, exams, x-rays, hygiene and specialized dental care.

An elective, non-essential dental surgery is defined as a dental treatment or procedure that (1) involves removal or alteration of the hard or soft tissues of the patient’s oral cavity or surrounding structures, AND (2) is solely and only performed for a cosmetic purpose. Both of the previous elements must exist in order for a dental treatment or procedure to be considered “elective or non-essential”.

Under the new order, dental offices can resume conducting services as stated above on May 1. Offices that will be conducting elective, non-essential surgeries, must demonstrate they have implemented specific measures as indicated in the [Executive Order](#).

Dental providers that meet the specified standards will need to receive approval from the Department of Health Services (DHS) before resuming “elective, non-essential” surgeries and services. Additional information, regarding Executive Order 2020-32, along with the link for the attestation to request approval, can be found at <https://www.azdhs.gov/documents/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/novel-coronavirus/healthcare-providers/waiver-faq.pdf>.

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