

## WFG Underwriting Bulletin



To: All Maryland Policy Issuing Agents of WFG National Title Insurance Company  
From: WFG Underwriting Department  
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On April 10, 2020, Governor Larry Hogan revised his Emergency Order No. 20-02-30-04 dated March 30, 2020, which temporarily waives the in-person requirement for notarizing documents. The revised guidance can be found here:

<https://sos.maryland.gov/Notary/Documents/Remote-Notary-Guidance-w-FAQs-UPDATED-April-10-2020.pdf>

Note that the revised guidance requires the use of “purpose-designed” technology to conduct remote notarizations. This means communications technology specifically designed for video-conferencing, which includes secure communications. **In particular, the use of Zoom.com to perform remote notarizations is prohibited.**

The revised guidance also states that certain platforms are not designed specifically for remote notarizations, including Go To Meeting, Microsoft Team, Google Meet, and Skype. Although these services could theoretically be used to conduct remote notarizations under the Governor’s Order, **WFG National Title requires the use of the following platforms only to conduct remote notarizations:**

- DocVerify
- Nexsys® Clear Sign
- Notarize
- NotaryCam®
- Pavaso

Except for any changes set forth in this Bulletin, WFG’s guidance in Bulletin MD 2020-05, which can be found [here](#), remains in full force and effect.

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