To: All Michigan Policy Issuing Agents of WFG National Title Insurance Company
From: WFG Underwriting Department
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Subject: Extension of WFG Underwriting Bulletin No. MI 2020-04 (Michigan Governor's Executive Orders No. 2020-74 and 2020-131 on Closing, Recording and Notarizing)

On June 24, 2020, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-131, which extended the provisions contained in Executive Order 2020-74 through July 31, 2020, unless otherwise terminated by an additional Executive Order or the expiration of the Michigan State of Emergency declared by Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

This Executive Order extends the temporarily authorized and legalized abridged form of remote notarization that involves wet ink signatures on paper documents, while the notary observes from a remote location, watching the signing and communicating simultaneously by two-way, real-time audiovisual technology, often referred to as AVN, AVON or RIN (remote ink-signed notarization).

Executive Order 2020-131 also extended the temporary suspension of strict compliance with section 9(2) of the Michigan Law on Notarial Acts, as amended, MCL 55.269(2), to the extent necessary to extend until July 31, 2020 the validity of a notarial commission that expired or is set to expire between March 1, 2020 and July 31, 2020.

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