

WFG Underwriting Bulletin



To: All Michigan Policy Issuing Agents of WFG National Title Insurance Company

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Subject: Michigan Governor's Executive Order 2020-187, and the extension of WFG Underwriting Bulletin No. MI 2020-05 (Michigan Governor's Executive Orders 2020-131 and 2020-173, re: Closing, Notarizing and Recording)

On September 29, 2020, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-187, which extended the provisions contained in Executive Order 2020-173 and previous orders through October 31, 2020, unless otherwise terminated by an additional Executive Order or the expiration of the Michigan State of Emergency declared by Michigan Governor Whitmer.

This Executive Order 2020-187 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 2020-187 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 for extending through October 31, 2020 the validity of a notarial commission that expired or is set to expire between March 1, 2020 and October 31, 2020.

If there are any questions, please contact the WFG Michigan Underwriters, Allan Dick at (248-533-6450), alland@wfgnationaltitle.com or Kim O'Connor at (616-265-2830), koconnor@wfgnationaltitle.com.

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