

## WFG Underwriting Bulletin



To: All Michigan Policy Issuing Agents of WFG National Title Insurance Company  
From: WFG Underwriting Department  
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WFG National Title Insurance Company is dedicated to keeping you, our valued agents, up to date with information during these difficult and changing times.

On Friday, October 2, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that the Michigan governor did not have the authority under state law to issue any additional emergency orders or declarations pertaining to the pandemic after April 30, 2020.

The governor's Executive Order No. 2020-187, and its rescinded predecessors, included provisions regarding the temporarily authorized use of an abridged form of remote notarization, often referred to as AVN, AVON, or RIN (remote ink-signed notarization). It also temporarily suspended strict compliance with the Michigan Law on Notary Acts, as amended, for expired notary commissions, all of this being set forth in WFG Underwriting Bulletin No. MI 2020-10, and now terminated (null and void) by this Supreme Court decision.

These provisions, and all of the practices authorized by WFG Underwriting Bulletin No. MI 2020-10 – are now hereby RESCINDED, effective immediately.

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

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