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The Families First Coronavirus Response Act, Public Law 116–127 ("FFCRA"), enacted on March 18, 2020 and effective on April 1, 2020, as implemented by U.S. Department of Labor guidance, permits the highest official of a state to designate individuals as health care providers necessary for the state's response to COVID-19.

As Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I hereby designate Personal Care Attendants, as defined in section 70 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, and Direct Care staff serving social service programs, as defined in section 8A of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as health care providers for the purposes of the FFRCA. The designation will ensure that these vital workers can continue to serve the vulnerable populations who rely on them, and in turn help prevent the institutionalization or hospitalization of these populations during the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Given in Boston at (1) AM this 2nd day of April, two thousand and twenty

CHARLES D. BAKER

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