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Governor Walz's Order Lifts Restrictions on Hydroxychloroquine

Minnesota Doctors Can Freely Prescribe HCQ to COVID-19 Patients

ST. PAUL, Minn. — [Citizens' Council for Health Freedom \(CCHF\)](#) releases the following statement by Twila Brase, president and co-founder:

“We are pleased that Governor Walz lifted his March 27 [Executive Order 20-23](#) restrictions on chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine. As the governor’s [Executive Order 20-84](#) issued on August 12 states: *'The authorization for the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy to implement dispensing limitations related to these medicines is no longer necessary and can be rescinded. . . Paragraph 5 of Executive Order 20-23, which pertains to chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine, is rescinded.'*

“This is good news for COVID-19 patients. Many physicians across the nation, and various researchers around the world, have found early use of hydroxychloroquine shortens illness, reduces symptoms, and keeps patients out of the hospital and off the ventilator. For many patients, hydroxychloroquine has been a life-saving medication.

“Minnesota’s physicians and other prescribers are now free to prescribe hydroxychloroquine without fear of their patients being turned away at the pharmacy. We appreciate the Governor’s decision to make hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine available to COVID-19 patients if their doctors choose to prescribe it.”

CCHF maintains a patient-centered, privacy-focused, free-market perspective. CCHF has worked in its home state of Minnesota and at the national level for more than 20 years to protect

health care choices, individualized patient care, and medical and genetic privacy rights. In 2016, CCHF launched The Wedge of Health Freedom, an online directory of direct-pay practices (JointheWedge.com).

Twila Brase, RN, PHN has been named by *Modern Healthcare* as one of the “100 Most Powerful People in Health Care.” She is the host of the daily *Health Freedom Minute* radio program heard by over 5 million weekly listeners on more than 800 radio stations nationwide, and the author of the eight-time award-winning book, “**[Big Brother in the Exam Room: The Dangerous Truth About Electronic Health Records](#)**.”

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