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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 20, 2020

TO: District Court Judges  
District Court Administrators

FROM: Bobbi Morrow, Management Analyst

RE: Temporary Suspension of Evictions Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-54

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Effective April 17, 2020, Governor Whitmer rescinded Executive Order 2020-19 and issued [Executive Order 2020-54](#) (COVID-19), extending the temporary suspension of evictions to May 15, 2020, at 11:59 p.m.

Significantly, this extension includes a new provision prohibiting any demand for the payment of rent that includes a demand for possession, or other threat of eviction, based on the nonpayment of rent. This prohibition was not in the original eviction moratorium (EO 2020-19). Both MCL 554.134(2) and MCL 600.5714(1) authorize the initiation of summary proceedings if the tenant has failed to pay the rent due and has failed to vacate the premises by the end of the seven-day notice to quit or demand for possession. The new Executive Order on evictions (EO 2020-54) specifically allows a landlord to demand payment but not possession. Take this new prohibition into consideration as you decide if and when a summary proceedings case can be filed.

Courts may also want to review the [State Court Administrator memo dated April 14, 2020](#), and [Administrative Order 2020-8](#) as it relates to summary proceedings.

If you have questions, please contact me at [courtservices@courts.mi.gov](mailto:courtservices@courts.mi.gov) or 517-373-2173.