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PROCLAMATION TO INVOKE EMERGENCY POWERS TO MODIFY PROFESSIONAL LICENSE AND CERTIFICATION STATUTES AND REGULATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE PHYSICIANS, NURSES, RESPIRATORY CARE THERAPISTS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, LICENSED DIETITIAN NUTRITIONIST, CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS, PHYSICAL THERAPISTS, PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS, CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS, SOCIAL WORKERS, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS, AND PHARMACISTS TO PROVIDE FOR MEDICAL ASSESSMENT, SCREENING, AND TREATMENT, AND ANY HEALTH RELIEF NECESSARY TO CARE FOR COVID-19 PATIENTS AT LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES, HOSPITALS, FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS, AND OTHER FACILITIES AS DIRECTED BY IEMA AND IDPH

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (20 ILCS 3305/7), the Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a proclamation declaring that a public health emergency exists related to the COVID-19 outbreak in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Section 2105-400(a)(1) of the Civil Administrative Code (20 ILCS 2105) authorizes the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (“IDFPR”) to suspend the requirements for permanent licensure of persons who are licensed in another state, working under the direction of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (“IEMA”) and Illinois Department of Public Health (“IDPH”); and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of IDFPR has coordinated a response to the declared public health emergency with IEMA and IDPH; and

THEREFORE, the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Deborah Hagan, hereby orders the following:

1. The requirements for permanent licensure of physicians, nurses, respiratory care therapists, physician assistants, licensed dietitian nutritionists, clinical professional counselors, professional counselors, clinical psychologists, physical therapists, physical therapy assistants, social workers, clinical social workers, occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, and pharmacists who are licensed in another state, are in

good standing, and working under the direction of IEMA and IDPH (hereinafter “licensees”) in response to the public health emergency declared by the Governor, are suspended to allow out-of-state licensees to provide vital healthcare services in Illinois.

2. Out-of-state licensees working in Illinois pursuant to this Order must hold a license from another U.S. jurisdiction and must be in good standing. Such licensees, while working in Illinois, are subject to all provisions of the Medical Practice Act and its Rules, Nurse Practice Act and its Rules, Physician Assistant Practice Act and its Rules, Respiratory Care Practice Act and its Rules, Dietitian Nutritionist Practice Act and Rules, Professional and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act and Rules, Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act and Rules, Illinois Physical Therapy Act and Rules, Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act and Rules, Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice Act and Rules, and Pharmacy Practice Act and Rules, as applicable, relating to the standards of care.
3. Licensees are limited to working under the direction of IEMA and IDPH pursuant to a declared disaster and in a state-licensed long-term care facility, state regulated hospital, or federally qualified health center (FQHC). Licensees are limited to providing treatment in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.
4. Licensees must provide IDFPFR with their name, contact information, state of licensure, license number, respective date of arrival, and date of departure on a form provided by IDFPFR.
5. This Order does not apply to any licensee who holds an Illinois license as a licensed physician, nurse, physician assistant, respiratory care therapist, dietitian nutritionist, clinical professional counselor, professional counselor, clinical psychologist, physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, social worker, clinical social worker, occupational therapist, occupational therapist assistant, or pharmacist that is revoked, suspended, or otherwise encumbered.
6. This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until December 31, 2020.
7. This Proclamation supersedes the proclamations signed on March 20, 2020 and April 6, 2020.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION of the
State of Illinois; DEBORAH HAGAN,
SECRETARY,

September 18, 2020

Date


Deborah Hagan