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Guidance for Clinical Social Workers In-Training and Social Workers In-Training

On March 9, 2020 Governor JB Pritzker first declared all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area in response to the outbreak of COVID-19. Governor JB Pritzker again declared all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area on April 1, 2020; April 30, 2020; May 29, 2020; June 26, 2020; July 24, 2020; and on August 21, 2020.

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (“Department”), Division of Professional Regulation (the “Division”) is issuing the following Guidance for Social Workers In-Training and Clinical Social Workers In-Training in response to the Illinois Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations. A Social Worker In-Training or a Clinical Social Worker In-Training may continue to practice under the supervision of an approved licensed supervisor during the period of time between applying for the examination required for licensure and sitting for the examination according to the provisions of 225 ILCS 20/4(1)(d). This will not be considered a violation of the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act, 225 ILCS 20/1, or its Administrative Rules, 68 Ill. Admin. Code 1470.

Social Workers In-Training and Clinical Social Workers In-Training experience:

- Social Workers In-Training and Clinical Social Workers In-Training are authorized to practice as long as the trainee is currently actively pursuing completion of an Illinois Social Work or Clinical Social Work license under the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Act 225 ILCS 20/10.5.
- The trainee is only authorized to practice under the supervision of an approved licensed supervisor.
- Social Workers In-Training and Clinical Social Workers In-Training are still required to meet all licensing requirements in the Act and Rules before being issued a license.