

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Division of Professional Regulation

J.B. Pritzker Governor Deborah A. Hagan Secretary CECILIA ABUNDIS Acting Director

Division of Professional Regulation

VARIANCE

Pursuant to the authority granted to me by 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1300.60, I hereby grant a Variance to the provisions of 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1300.30(b)(1)-(2) and 1300.130(f), which require Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Professional Nurses, and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to pay the current renewal fee and to show compliance with continuing education requirements. This Variance is specifically granted on behalf of Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Professional Nurses, and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses who have Illinois nursing licenses in "Inactive" status for less than five years.

This variance is granted based upon the particular facts surrounding the Illinois Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations issued on March 9, 2020, April 1, 2020, April 30, 2020, May 29, 2020, June 26, 2020, July 24, 2020, August 21, 2020, September 18, 2020, October 16, 2020, and again on November 13, 2020.

The purpose of this Variance is to allow Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Professional Nurses, and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses who have Illinois nursing licenses in "Inactive" status for less than five years to restore their Illinois nursing licenses by paying a reduced renewal fee of \$0 and exempting them from completing the necessary continuing education requirements due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and the need for an increased number of healthcare professionals. In order to restore a license under this Variance, the license shall not be revoked, suspended, or otherwise encumbered. Licensees restored under this Variance shall only provide treatment in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Any license restored under this Variance shall be valid until May 31, 2021.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned Rule, this Variance is in no way intended to waive or modify any statute, rule or regulation concerning the licensure of or practice of practical nursing, registered professional nursing, or advanced practice registered nursing. Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Professional Nurses, and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses who have Illinois nursing licenses in "Inactive" status for less than five years shall be required to meet the remaining requirements for restoration contained in the Nurse Practice Act and Administrative Rules before restoring their license to active status.

I have determined that the provision from which this Variance is granted is not statutorily mandated; no party will be injured by the granting of this Variance; and the rules from which this Variance is granted would, in this particular case, be unreasonable.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION of the State of Illinois Deborah Hagan, SECRETARY, by

Cecilia Abundis, Acting Director
Division of Professional Regulation

December 3, 2020

Date



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CECILIA ABUNDIS
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Pursuant to the authority granted to me by 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1300.60, I hereby grant a Variance to the provisions of 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1300.30(c)(1) and 1300.130(f), which requires Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Professional Nurses, and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to pay a \$50 restoration fee plus payment of all lapsed renewal fees, but not to exceed \$250 and to show compliance with continuing education requirements. This variance is specifically granted on behalf of Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Professional Nurses, and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses who have Illinois nursing licenses in "Non renewed" status for less than five years.

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