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VARIANCE

Pursuant to the authority granted to me by 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1285.140, I hereby grant a Variance to the provisions of 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1285.130(a) and (b), which requires Physicians licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches to pay all lapsed renewal fees, submit a completed physician profile, and to show compliance with continuing education requirements. This Variance is specifically granted on behalf of Physicians licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches who have Illinois physician licenses to practice medicine in all of its branches in “Expired” or “Inactive” status for less than three years.

This variance is granted based upon the particular facts surrounding the Illinois Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations first issued on March 9, 2020 and again on December 10, 2021.

The purpose of this Variance is to allow Physicians licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches who have Illinois physician licenses to practice medicine in “Expired” or “Inactive” status for less than three years, to restore their Illinois physician licenses by exempting them, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and the need for an increased number of healthcare professionals from the following three requirements: paying the required fee, submitting a completed physician profile, and completing the necessary continuing education requirements. 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, 2022 or until the expiration of the Gubernatorial COVID-19 Disaster Proclamations, whichever occurs first.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned, this Variance is in no way intended to waive or modify any statute, rule or regulation concerning the licensure of or practice of Physicians licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches. Physicians licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches who have Illinois physician licenses to practice medicine in all of its branches in “Expired” or “Inactive” status for less than three years shall be required to meet the remaining requirements for restoration contained in the Medical 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, Mario Treto, Jr., ACTING SECRETARY, by


Acting Director Cecilia Abundis
Division of Professional Regulation

December 20, 2021
Date