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STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

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 NUTRITIONISTS, 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

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, as the Governor of the State of Illinois, pursuant to Sections 7(1), 7(2), 7(8), and 7(12) of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305, ordered during the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations, the requirement in the Section 2105-400 of the Civil Administrative Code, 20 ILCS 2105-400, and its accompanying regulations, authorizing the Secretary of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (“IDFPR”) to take certain actions to increase the number of licensed professionals responding to the disaster is suspended to the extent it limits the Secretary’s authority to those persons working under the direction of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (“IEMA”) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (“IDPH”) pursuant to a declared disaster by the Governor;

WHEREAS, the Governor further ordered that the requirement that the Secretary shall only exercise this authority “in coordination with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Public Health” remains in effect and that in exercising this authority, the Secretary shall work closely with the Directors of the Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Public Health to ensure any impacted licensed professionals are aiding in the response to the disaster; and

WHEREAS, Section 2105-400(a)(1) of the Civil Administrative Code (20 ILCS 2105) authorizes the Secretary of IDFPR to suspend the requirements for permanent licensure of persons who are licensed in another state; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of IDFPR has coordinated a response to the declared public health emergency with IEMA and IDPH, including the modification of licensure requirements for out of state healthcare workers; and

THEREFORE, the Acting Secretary of IDFPR, Mario Treto, Jr., hereby orders the following, pursuant to his authority under 20 ILCS 2105- 400(a)(1):

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 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 statutory and regulatory requirements of the Medical Practice Act, Nurse Practice Act, Physician Assistant Practice Act, Respiratory Care Practice Act, Dietitian Nutritionist Practice Act, Professional and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act, Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act and Rules, Illinois Physical Therapy Act, Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act, Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice Act, and Pharmacy Practice Act, as applicable, relating to the standards of care.
3. Licensees are limited to providing treatment in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.
4. Licensees must provide IDFPR with their name, contact information, state of licensure, license number, respective date of arrival, and date of departure on a form provided by IDFPR.
5. This Order does not apply to any licensee who holds a 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 on June 1, 2021 and shall continue in effect until December 31, 2021 or until the expiration of the Gubernatorial COVID-19 Disaster Proclamations, whichever occurs first.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION of the State of Illinois;
MARIO TRETO, JR. ACTING SECRETARY,

May 27, 2021

Date


Mario Treto, Jr.