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**JB PRITZKER**  
Governor

**MARIO TRETO, JR.**  
Acting Secretary

**CECILIA ABUNDIS**  
Acting Director

### VARIANCE

Pursuant to the authority granted to by 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1456.120, I hereby grant a Variance to the provisions of 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1456.75(b), 1456.90(a), and 1456.110(a)(1), which requires Respiratory Care Therapists to pay renewal fees of \$60 per year and to show compliance with continuing education requirements. This Variance is specifically granted on behalf of Respiratory Care Therapists, who have Illinois Respiratory Care Therapist licenses in “Inactive” status for less than five years.

This Variance is granted based upon the particular facts surrounding the Illinois Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation 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, November 13, 2020 December 11, 2020, January 8, 2021, February 5, 2021, March 5, 2021, April 2, 2021, and again on April 30, 2021.

The purpose of this Variance is to allow Respiratory Care Therapists who have Illinois respiratory care therapist licenses, in “Inactive” status for less than five years, to restore their license by paying a reduced renewal fee of \$0 and exempting them from completing the necessary continuing education requirements, is 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 December 31, 2021 or until the expiration of the Gubernatorial COVID-19 Disaster Proclamations, whichever occurs first.

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 respiratory care therapists. Respiratory Care Therapists who have Illinois respiratory care therapist licenses in “Inactive” status for less than five years shall be required to meet the remaining requirements for restoration contained in the Respiratory Care 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., SECRETARY, by

Acting Director Cecilia Abundis  
Division of Professional Regulation

May 27, 2021

Date



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### VARIANCE

Pursuant to the authority granted to me by 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1456.120, I hereby grant a Variance to the provisions of 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1456.75(c)(1) and 1456.90(a) which requires Respiratory Care Therapists to pay a \$20 fee for the restoration of a license, other than from inactive status, plus payment of all lapsed renewal fees and to show compliance with continuing education requirement. This Variance is specifically granted on behalf of Respiratory Care Therapists, who have Illinois respiratory care therapist licenses in “Non renewed” status for less than five years.

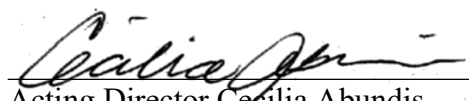
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