

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Office of the Secretary

JB PRITZKER Governor DEBORAH HAGAN Secretary

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, AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO PROVIDE FOR MEDICAL ASSESSMENT, SCREENING, AND TREATMENT, AND ANY HEALTH RELIEF NECESSARY TO CARE FOR COVID-19 PATIENTS AT LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES, HOSPITALS, FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS, AND OTHER FACILITIES AS DIRECTED BY IEMA AND IDPH

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, Section 2105-400(a)(1) of the Civil Administrative Code (20 ILCS 2105) authorizes the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) to suspend the requirements for permanent licensure of persons who are licensed in another state, working under the direction of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and/or Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH); and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of IDFPR has coordinated a response to the declared public health emergency with IEMA and IDPH; and

THEREFORE, the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Deborah Hagan, hereby orders the following:

1. The requirements for permanent licensure of physicians, nurses, physician assistants, and respiratory care therapists who are licensed in another state, are in good standing, and working under the direction of IEMA and IDPH (hereinafter "licensees") in response to the public health emergency declared by the Governor, are suspended. 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 provisions of the Medical Practice Act and its Rules, the Nurse Practice Act

and its Rules, the Physician Assistant Practice Act and its Rules, or the Respiratory Care Practice Act and its Rules, as applicable, relating to the standards of care.

- 2. Licensees are limited to working under the direction of IEMA and IDPH pursuant to a declared disaster or in a state licensed long-term care facility, state regulated hospital, or federally qualified health center (FQHC). Licensees are limited to providing treatment in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- 3. 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.
- 4. This Order does not apply to any licensee who holds an Illinois license as a physician, nurse, physician assistant, or respiratory care therapist that is revoked, suspended, or otherwise encumbered.
- 5. This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until September 30, 2020.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION of the State of Illinois; DEBORAH HAGAN,

SECRETARY,

Much 20, 2000 Date