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VARIANCE

Pursuant to the authority granted to by 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1470.100, I hereby grant a Variance to the provisions of 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1470.80 which requires Social Workers and Clinical Social Workers to pay renewal fees of \$30 per year and to show compliance with continuing education requirements. This Variance is specifically granted on behalf of Social Workers and Clinical Social Workers who have Illinois Social Work or Clinical Social Work licenses in "Non-renewed" status for five years or less.

This Variance is granted based upon the particular facts surrounding the Illinois Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations related to COVID-19 initially issued on March 9, 2020 and issued most recently on November 12, 2021.

The purpose of this Variance is to allow Social Workers and Clinical Social Workers who have Illinois Social Work or Clinical Social Work licenses, in "Non-renewed" 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 mental health professionals. In order to restore a license under this Variance, the license shall not be revoked, suspended, or otherwise encumbered. 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 Rule, this Variance is in no way intended to waive or modify any statute, rule or regulation concerning the licensure of or practice of Social Work or Clinical Social Work. Social Workers and Clinical Social Workers who have Illinois Social Work or Clinical Social Work licenses in "Non-renewed" status for five years or less shall be required to meet the remaining requirements for restoration contained in the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act and Administrative Rules before restoring their license to active status.

I have determined that the provision from which this Variance is granted has been suspended by executive order; 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

November 23, 2021

Date