



Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

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VARIANCE

Pursuant to the authority granted to me in the provisions of 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1284.110, I hereby grant a Variance on behalf of all massage therapy schools to the provisions of 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1284.20(a)(1), which states as follows: “A minimum of 600 hours or its equivalent in credit hours of supervised classroom and supervised hands-on instruction...For the purpose of this subsection (a)(1) “supervised” means the supervisor is physically on-site, qualified and immediately available.”

This Variance is granted based upon the particular facts surrounding the Illinois Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations issued on March 09, 2020, April 1, 2020, April 30, 2020, May 29, 2020, June 26, 2020 and again on July 24, 2020.

The purpose of this Variance is to allow all massage therapy schools to offer online instruction for their lecture-based (non hands-on) courses due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the CDC guidelines limiting in-person interactions. This Variance is hereby granted and expires December 31, 2020.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned Rule, this Variance is in no way intended to waive or modify any statute, rule, or regulation concerning the licensure or practice of massage therapy. All massage therapy schools shall be subject to compliance with all additional rules and regulations contained in the Act and in the rules promulgated thereto or their successor.

I have determined that the provisions from which this variance is granted are 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.

This variance supersedes all prior variances.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION of the
State of Illinois Deborah Hagan, SECRETARY, by


Acting Director Cecilia Abundis

July 30, 2020
Date