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Director

VARIANCE

Pursuant to the authority granted to me by 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1130.600, I hereby grant a Variance on behalf of Acupuncturists licensed under the Acupuncture Practice Act, 225 ILCS 2, and governed by the several provisions within Section 1140.90 of the Administrative Rules, which states that a maximum of 23 hours of Continuing Education (“CE”) credit may be earned in a pre-renewal period for completion of self-study (including online, correspondence, audio or video) courses that are provided by a sponsor approved by the Division pursuant to subsection (c). 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1140.90(b)(2).

The purpose of this Variance is to vary Section 1140.90(b)(2) to replace the restriction limiting the number of self-study CE credit hours a licensee is permitted to submit for credit towards the satisfaction of the CE requirements for renewal as a licensed Acupuncturist. Section 1140.90(a)(1) states that every licensee who applies for renewal or restoration of an acupuncturist license shall complete 30 hours of CE relevant to the professional skills and scientific knowledge of the licensee in the practice of acupuncture. Section 1140.90(b)(2) specifies that a maximum of 23 hours of CE credit may be earned in a pre-renewal period for completion of self-study. Instead, a licensee shall receive credit for any self-study CE credit hours earned during the effective dates of the Governor's Disaster Proclamations as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic up to and including May 11, 2023, in the pre-renewal period for the 2023 license renewals due to the unavailability of in-person CE.

This Variance is in no way intended to waive or modify any statute, rule or regulation concerning the licensure of Acupuncturists. All licensed Acupuncturists shall continue to comply with all rules and regulations contained in the Acupuncture Practice Act, et seq., and the rules promulgated thereto.

I have determined that the provision from which this Variance is granted is not statutorily mandated; no member of the public will be substantially injured by granting this Variance; and the administrative rule from which the Variance is granted would be unreasonable or unnecessarily burdensome for the licensed profession to comply with for the duration of the emergency operational need.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
of the State of Illinois, Mario Treto, Jr., SECRETARY, by

Director Cecilia Abundis
Division of Professional Regulation

April 25, 2023
Date