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**PROCLAMATION TO INVOKE EMERGENCY POWERS TO MODIFY PROFESSIONAL LICENSE AND CERTIFICATION STATUTES AND REGULATIONS FOR ILLINOIS LICENSED DENTISTS TO ADMINISTER COVID-19 VACCINES**

**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**, as the Governor of the State of Illinois, pursuant to Sections 7(1), 7(2), 7(8), and 7(12) of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305, ordered during the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations, the requirement in the Section 2105-400 of the Civil Administrative Code, 20 ILCS 2105-400, and its accompanying regulations, authorizing the Secretary of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) to take certain actions to increase the number of licensed professionals responding to the disaster is suspended to the extent it limits the Secretary's authority to those persons working under the direction of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Illinois Department of Public Health pursuant to a declared disaster by the Governor. The Governor further ordered that the requirement that the Secretary shall only exercise this authority "in coordination with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Public Health" remains in effect and that in exercising this authority, the Secretary shall work closely with the Directors of the Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Public Health to ensure any impacted licensed professionals are aiding in the response to the disaster.

**WHEREAS**, Section 2105-400(a)(1) of the Civil Administrative Code (20 ILCS 2105) authorizes the Secretary of the IDFPR to suspend the requirements for permanent licensure of persons who are licensed in another state, and modify the scope of practice restrictions under any licensing act administered by the Department; and

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

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

1. An Illinois licensed dentist's scope of practice under the Dental Practice Act, 225 ILCS 25, is expanded to administer Covid-19 vaccines to persons 16 years of age and older pursuant to a standing order and pursuant to the following requirements:
  - a. the vaccine must be FDA-authorized or FDA-licensed;
  - b. the vaccination must be ordered and administered according to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) standard immunization schedule;
  - c. the dentist must complete a practical training program of at least 4 hours that is approved by an Illinois approved sponsor pursuant to 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1220.440(b)(2). This training program must include a review of hands-on injection technique, clinical evaluation of indications and contraindications of vaccines, the recognition and treatment of adverse reactions to vaccines; the appropriate method of storage, handling and disposal of vaccines and all used supplies or contaminated equipment, and the proper administration and maintenance of written policies and procedures pursuant to Section 1220.403 of the Administrative Rules;
  - d. the dentist must have a current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and
  - e. the dentist must comply with recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the jurisdiction in which he or she administers vaccines, including informing the patient's primary-care provider within 30 days after administration of a vaccine, submitting the required immunization information to the State or local immunization information system (vaccine registry), complying with requirements with respect to reporting adverse events, and complying with requirements whereby the person administering a vaccine must review the vaccine registry or other vaccination records prior to administering a vaccine.
  
2. For dentists authorized to practice dentistry under the Dental Practice Act, 225 ILCS 25, who wish only to volunteer as part of a mass vaccination effort for the administration of COVID-19 vaccinations to persons 16 years of age and older pursuant to a standing order may, as an alternative to the training provisions in section 1 above, administer vaccines under a Just in Time (JIT) Training Model, if provided, under the coordination and supervision of a medical facility or local health mass vaccination plan pursuant to the following requirements:
  - a. The dentist must complete a JIT Training Program of at least 1 hour that is approved by an Illinois approved continuing education sponsor pursuant to 68 Ill Adm Code 1220.440(b)(2); this training program must include instruction on hands-on intramuscular injection techniques, medication dosage, clinical evaluation of indications and contraindications of vaccines, and the recognition and treatment of adverse reactions to vaccines including anaphylactic shock symptoms and treatment;
  - b. Proper handling of vaccines and all supplies or contaminated equipment and proper record-keeping policies and procedures required by the facility;
  - c. The dentist volunteering under this section must have a current proof of license and a certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and
  - d. Complete an orientation at the medical facility or public health facility on workstation requirements and protocol.

3. Such licensees must be appropriately trained and are subject to all provisions of the Dental Practice Act and its Rules, as applicable, relating to the standards of care.
4. Such licensees are limited to working (a) under the direction of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) or the Department of Public Health (DPH); or (b) in a state-licensed long-term care facility, state regulated hospital, or federally qualified health center (FQHC).
5. This Order does not apply to any licensee who holds an Illinois license as a dentist that is revoked, suspended, or otherwise encumbered.
6. This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until throughout the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation.

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

  
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January 29, 2021  
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