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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, ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS, CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS, SOCIAL WORKERS, AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS TO PROVIDE TELEHEALTH SERVICES

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;

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 COVID-19 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 (IEMA) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) pursuant to a declared disaster by the Governor;

WHEREAS, 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 IEMA and IDPH 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 IDFPR to suspend the requirements for permanent licensure of persons who are licensed in another state;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of IDFPR has coordinated a response to the declared public health emergency with IEMA and IDPH, including the modification of licensure requirements for out-of-state healthcare workers;

THEREFORE, the Secretary of IDFPR, Mario Treto, Jr., hereby orders the following, pursuant to his authority under 20 ILCS 2105- 400(a)(1):

1. The requirements for permanent licensure of physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants, clinical professional counselors, professional counselors, clinical psychologists, social workers, clinical social workers, and marriage and family therapists who are licensed in another state, are in good standing, and working in response to the public health emergency declared by the Governor, are suspended to allow out-of-state licensees to provide vital remote telehealth services in Illinois. Telehealth herein refers to the use of electronic information and telecommunication technologies to support and promote remote clinical health care and patient and professional health-related education.
2. Out-of-state licensees providing telehealth services pursuant to this Order must hold a license from another U.S. jurisdiction and must be in good standing with their professional licensing board. Such licensees are subject to all statutory and regulatory requirements of the Medical Practice Act, Nurse Practice Act, Physician Assistant Practice Act, Professional and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act, Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act and Rules, Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act, and Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Act, as applicable, relating to the standards of care.
3. Out-of-state licensees are limited to providing treatment pursuant to this Order during the duration of this Order and can only provide such treatment when they have a provider-patient relationship that predates the effective date of this Order.
4. This Order does not apply to any licensee who holds a license as a licensed physician, nurse, physician assistant, clinical professional counselor, professional counselor, clinical psychologist, physical therapist, social worker, clinical social worker, and marriage and family therapist that has ever been revoked, suspended, or otherwise encumbered.
5. This Order is effective on January 10, 2022 and shall continue in effect until May 31, 2022 or until the expiration of the Gubernatorial COVID-19 Disaster Proclamations, whichever occurs first.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION of the State of Illinois;
MARIO TRETO, JR., SECRETARY,

January 10, 2022
Date



Mario Treto, Jr.