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Acting Secretary

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Acting Director

VARIANCE

Pursuant to the authority granted to me by 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1470.100, I hereby grant a Variance to the provision of 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1470.90 that requires licensed social workers and licensed clinical social workers to submit renewal documentation, pay a renewal fee, and comply with continuing education requirements, by the deadline of November 30, 2021. Licensees are granted until February 28, 2022, to complete the renewal process.

This variance is granted based upon the transition to new data and operating systems utilized by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation ("Department").

The purpose of this Variance is to ensure that licensed social workers and licensed clinical social workers, who are otherwise eligible to renew and whose licenses would otherwise expire on November 30, 2021, do not experience an expired or lapsed license, and are not required to take additional steps or pay additional fees to restore the license, prior to February 28, 2022.

This Variance is in no way intended to waive or modify any other statute, rule, or regulation concerning the license of a social worker or clinical social worker nor to extend the active licensure period beyond the expiration date for licenses otherwise required to be renewed by November 30, 2021. Licenses renewed through February 28, 2022, during the extended renewal period granted by this Variance, shall expire at the end of the ordinary renewal period designated by the relevant regulation applicable to the profession.

I have determined that the provision from which this Variance is granted is 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.

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

October 20, 2021

Date