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Order Waiving Practicum Enrollment Requirement for Licensed Marriage Family Therapist Trainees

On March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the impacts of COVID-19 to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare to respond to an increasing number of individuals requiring medical care and hospitalization as a result of a broader spread of COVID-19.

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-39-20, during the State of Emergency, the Director of the California Department of Consumer Affairs may waive any statutory or regulatory professional licensing requirements pertaining to individuals licensed pursuant to Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, including requirements related to the education, training, and experience necessary to obtain licensure as a Licensed Marriage Family Therapist.

Accordingly, for students last enrolled in a practicum course between March 31, 2020, and May 1, 2020, the Director waives Business and Professions Code section 4980.42, subdivision (c) to the extent it requires such students to be enrolled in a practicum course within 90 days in order to counsel clients while not enrolled, subject to the condition that such students must be enrolled in a practicum course or complete the degree program within 180 days in order to counsel clients while not enrolled.

This order is effective immediately but may be amended as circumstances require.

Dated: May 29, 2020

Signature on File

Kimberly Kirchmeyer
Director