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Order Waiving In-Person Physician Examination Requirement for Continued Physical Therapy Treatment

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 physical therapists.

Accordingly, the Director waives Business and Professions Code section 2620.1, subdivision (a)(4) to the extent it requires a licensed physician and surgeon or podiatrist, as applicable, to conduct an "in-person" patient examination and evaluation, subject to the condition that the examination and evaluation must be performed via appropriate electronic means.

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

This order terminates 60 days from the date of the order, unless further extended.

Dated: May 6, 2020

Signature on File

Kimberly Kirchmeyer
Director