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Order Further Extending June 4, 2020, Order Waiving Restrictions on Telemedicine and Extending Time to Refill Prescriptions

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 practice and permissible activities for licensees.

Accordingly, for prescriptions that may not be refilled between June 1, 2020, and October 1, 2020, due to the one-year time limitation on prescriptions, the Director waives California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 2032.1, subdivision (c), to the extent it prohibits a veterinarian from prescribing a drug for a duration longer than one year from the date the veterinarian examined the animal and prescribed the drug, subject to the condition that any such prescription may be refilled for a total period not to exceed 24 months from the date the veterinarian last examined the animal(s) and prescribed the drug.

On June 4, 2020, the Director issued an Order Waiving Restrictions on Telemedicine and Extending Time to Refill Prescriptions. On July 31, 2020, the Director issued an Order Extending June 4, 2020, Order Waiving Restrictions on Telemedicine and Extending Time to Refill Prescriptions. As they pertain to California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 2032.1, subdivision (c), the June 4, 2020, and July 31, 2020, Orders are hereby withdrawn and superseded. On November 25, 2020, the Director issued an Order Further Extending June 4, 2020, Order Waiving Restrictions on Telemedicine and Extending Time to Refill Prescriptions. The November 25, 2020, Order is hereby withdrawn and superseded.

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

Dated: January 26, 2021

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Kimberly Kirchmeyer
Director