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Order Waiving Restrictions on Internet-Based Continuing Education Training for Chiropractors and Naturopathic Doctors

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 renewal requirement pertaining to individuals licensed pursuant to Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code.

Accordingly, for chiropractors, the Director waives California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 361, subdivision (c), to the extent it limits to 12 hours the maximum number of continuing education hours that may be completed through distance learning, subject to the condition that distance learning in excess of 12 hours consists of Internet- or web-based courses that allow participants to concurrently interact with instructors or presenters while they observe the courses.

For naturopathic doctors, the Director waives Business and Professions Code section 3635, subdivision (a)(2), to the extent it limits to 15 hours the maximum number of continuing education hours that may be completed through computer-assisted instruction, subject to the condition that such instruction consists of Internet- or web-based courses that allow participants to concurrently interact with instructors or presenters while they observe the courses.

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

Dated: September 23, 2020

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