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Order Waiving Nurse Practitioner Supervision Requirements

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 (the Code), which includes nurse practitioners.

Business and Professions Code section 2836.1, subdivision (d) permits a certified nurse practitioner holding a furnishing number to furnish or order drugs or devices under physician and surgeon supervision. In addition, Business and Professions Code section 2836.1, subdivision (e) limits to four the number of nurse practitioners that physicians and surgeons may supervise at any one time.

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order, the Director waives Business and Professions Code section 2836.1, subdivision (e), which prohibits a physician and surgeon from supervising more than four nurse practitioners at any one time when furnishing or ordering drugs or devices.

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: April 14, 2020

Signature on File

Kimberly Kirchmeyer
Director