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Order Extending Expiration Dates for Occupational Therapy Limited Permits

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 occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants.

Accordingly, for individuals issued limited permits between December 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021, the Director waives California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 4123, subdivisions (a)(3) and (b), to the extent they limit to three months the validity of such permits, subject to the condition that such permits shall only be valid for six months from the date of issuance by the Board of Occupational Therapy or upon receipt of a failing result, whichever occurs first.

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

Dated: February 24, 2021

Signature on File

Kimberly Kirchmeyer
Director