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Order Waiving Speech-Language Pathologist or Audiologist Required Professional Experience Temporary License Expiration

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 training and experience necessary to obtain licensure.

Accordingly, for individuals whose reissued temporary licenses expire between March 1, 2021, and April 30, 2021, the Director waives California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1399.153.10, subdivision (a), to the extent that it limits the term of a reissued temporary license to a period not to exceed one year, subject to the condition that such reissued temporary licenses shall be valid for a period to be determined by the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board (Board), not to exceed 18 months from the expiration date of the initial temporary license.

The Director also waives California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1399.153.10, subdivision (a), to the extent that it prohibits the Board from reissuing or extending a temporary license due to the failure by the requestor to take and pass the licensing examination specified in California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1399.152.3.

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

Dated: February 26, 2021

Signature on File

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Kimberly Kirchmeyer
Director