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Order Waiving In-Person Supervision Requirements for Speech-Language Pathology Assistants and Required Professional Experience Temporary Licensees

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, and the practice of licensees.

Accordingly, the Director waives California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1399.170, subdivision (c) and section 1399.170.2, subdivision (b) to the extent they require "on-site" supervision of a speech-language pathology assistant, subject to the condition that supervision must be provided via appropriate electronic means.

The Director also waives California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1399.153.3, subdivisions (c) and (d) to the extent they require "direct monitoring" and "personal observation" supervision of required professional experience temporary licensees, subject to the condition that supervision must be provided via appropriate electronic means.

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: May 6, 2020

Signature on File

Kimberly Kirchmeyer
Director