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Order Extending May 6, 2020, Order Waiving Face-to-Face Training and Supervision Requirements for Marriage Family Therapists, Professional Clinical Counselors, and Clinical Social Workers

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 education, training, and experience necessary to obtain licensure as a Licensed Marriage Family Therapist, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor, and Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

On May 6, 2020, the Director issued an Order Waiving Face-to-Face Training and Supervision Requirements for Marriage Family Therapists, Professional Clinical Counselors, and Clinical Social Workers. The order was scheduled to expire on July 5, 2020, but on July 1, 2020, the Director extended the order to September 3, 2020. On August 27, 2020, the Director further extended the order to November 2, 2020. And on October 22, 2020, the Director extended it to December 31, 2020.

The Director hereby further extends the Order Waiving Face-to-Face Training and Supervision Requirements for Marriage Family Therapists, Professional Clinical Counselors, and Clinical Social Workers. The order now terminates February 28, 2021, unless further extended.

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

Dated: December 15, 2020

Signature on File

Kimberly Kirchmeyer
Director