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Order Waiving Nursing Preceptorship Requirements and Restrictions on Nursing Student Clinical Training

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), including requirements related to the education and training necessary to obtain licensure.

To enable nursing students to participate in preceptorships during the State of Emergency, the Director waives subdivisions (b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(3), (b)(5),(b)(6), and (b)(7) of section 1426.1 of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations.

On April 3, 2020, the Director waived subdivision (a) of section 1427 of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, to the extent it requires a clinical setting to be approved by the Board of Registered Nursing (Board), on the condition that the clinical setting must be approved by a Nurse Education Consultant of the Board. The Director also waived subdivision (c) of section 1427 of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, which requires written agreements with clinical facilities.

To provide even greater flexibility to pre-licensure nursing students, programs and the Board in identifying and utilizing clinical settings for direct patient care training, the Director now waives the last sentence in subdivision (a) of section 1427 of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, which reads: "Each program must submit evidence that it has complied with the requirements of subdivisions (b), (c), and (d) of this section and policies outlined by the board." The Director's April 3, 2020, order remains in effect.

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 4, 2020

Signature on File

Kimberly Kirchmeyer
Director