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Order Waiving California Law and Ethics Examination Requirement for Associate Marriage Family Therapists, Associate Clinical Social Workers, and Associate Professional Clinical Counselors

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 examinations necessary to obtain licensure as an Associate Marriage Family Therapist, Associate Clinical Social Worker, and Associate Professional Clinical Counselor (collectively, "Associate").

Accordingly, for Associate registrations in the last year of renewal expiring between March 31, 2020, and June 30, 2020, the Director waives Business and Professions Code sections 4980.399, subdivision (e), 4984.01, subdivision (d), 4992.09, subdivision (e), 4996.28, subdivision (c), 4999.46.1, subdivision (d), 4999.55, subdivision (e), and 4999.100, subdivision (d), to the extent they require registrants to pass the California law and ethics examination before a subsequent registration number may be issued.

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

Dated: May 29, 2020

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Kimberly Kirchmeyer
Director