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TO: Alabama Social Workers

FROM: Valeri White, Board Chair
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RE: Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners

We at the Board are dedicated to making sure all social workers are well prepared for the State of Emergency response to COVID-19. Below are a few items of interest:

- The Board office will remain open to answer questions or help you navigate your concerns during this time. Someone will be available 9:00am to 3:30pm to assist you should you have questions. You can also go to our website www.socialwork.alabama.gov and click on Contact Us to email us.
- Licensee applications and renewals are still being processed. Please be patient as we are working with less staff to allow for social distancing.
- If your license expires March 31, 2020 and you are unable to meet the necessary CE requirements because of cancellations, we will allow you to earn those CE's during your 60-day grace period. The Association of Social Work Boards has many online CE options as does the National Association of Social Workers. Here are links to both: https://www.socialworkers.org/Careers/Continuing-Education and https://www.datapathdesign.com/ASWB/ACEdswb/Prod/cgi-bin/ACESearchDSWBDLL.dll/acesShowProviders
- Regarding Telehealth, you must have a license in the State of Alabama that is active and in good standing. Your client must be in Alabama.
- State of Emergency Reciprocity – 850-X-04-.02(4) Reciprocity filed under a State of Emergency proclaimed by the Governor of Alabama upon request a person with a valid and active social work license may be issued a temporary license to practice in this state as long as the State of Emergency is in effect.
- Pearson Vue, the company that administers social work exams has cancelled and suspended all testing until after April 16, 2020. Here is a link for more information: https://www.aswb.org/covid-19

Thank you for all you are doing during this time of emergency.