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Order Waiving Postgraduate Training License Deadline

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 and training requirements pertaining to individuals licensed pursuant to Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code (the Code).

Accordingly, for individuals who were enrolled in an approved postgraduate training program in California on January 1, 2020, and who are required to obtain a postgraduate training license from the Medical Board of California or the Osteopathic Medical Board of California by June 30, 2020, to practice medicine pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2064.5, subdivisions (e) and (f), the Director temporarily waives the requirement to obtain a postgraduate training license by June 30, 2020, subject to the following conditions:

- Such individual must obtain a postgraduate training license on or before August 31, 2020.

- If the individual fails to obtain a postgraduate training license on or before August 31, 2020, or the governing licensing agency denies the application, all privileges and exemptions under Business and Professions Code section 2064.5 shall automatically cease.

This temporary waiver does not relieve such individual from complying with any and all other requirements necessary to be considered for a postgraduate training license, including completing and submitting the required application forms and supporting documents to the governing licensing agency.

This temporary waiver does not extend the time an individual is permitted to practice medicine in an approved postgraduate training program without a physician's and surgeon's license beyond the 39-month licensing exemption period authorized under Business and Professions Code sections 2064.5, subdivision (b) and 2065, subdivision (d).

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

Dated: May 6, 2020

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Kimberly Kirchmeyer
Director