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Order Extending Time For Postgraduates That Completed Postgraduate Training Outside California To Practice Medicine While Seeking California Licensure

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.

Accordingly, for individuals who completed at least 36 months of approved postgraduate training outside of California, were enrolled in an approved postgraduate training program in California on July 1, 2020, and who are required to obtain a physician's and surgeon's license from the Medical Board of California or the Osteopathic Medical Board of California within 90 days to continue the practice of medicine, the Director waives Business and Professions Code section 2065, subdivision (h), to the extent it requires such individuals to obtain a physician's and surgeon's license within 90 days after beginning postgraduate training, subject to the following conditions:

- Such individuals must obtain a physician's and surgeon's license on or before December 31, 2020.
- If the individual fails to obtain a physician's and surgeon's license by December 31, 2020, or the governing licensing agency denies the application, all privileges and exemptions under Business and Professions Code section 2065, subdivision (h) shall automatically cease.

This temporary waiver does not relieve such individual from complying with any and all other requirements, including completing and submitting the required application forms and supporting documents to the governing licensing agency.

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

Dated: September 30, 2020

Signature on File

Kimberly Kirchmeyer
Director