

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Acting Commissioner



Ned Lamont
Governor
Susan Bysiewicz
Lt. Governor

ORDER

Whereas, on March 10, 2020, Governor Ned Lamont (the Governor), in response to the global pandemic of 2019 Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), declared a public health and civil preparedness emergency throughout the State of Connecticut pursuant to Sections 19a-131a and 28-9 of the Connecticut General Statutes, to remain in effect through September 9, 2020, unless sooner terminated by the Governor; and

Whereas, on September 1, 2020, the Governor renewed the March 10, 2020 declaration of public health and civil preparedness emergencies and also issued new declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, which new and renewed emergencies shall remain in effect until February 9, 2021, unless earlier terminated; and

Whereas, on December 18, 2020, the Governor signed Executive Order No. 9S modifying Section 19a-131j(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes authorizing the Commissioner of Public Health to temporarily suspend, for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency, the requirements for licensure, certification or registration pursuant to sections 19a-512 and 19a-513 of the Connecticut General Statutes (nursing home administrators), and chapters 368d (Emergency Medical Services), 370 (Medicine and Surgery), 376 (Physical Therapists), 376a (occupational therapist), 376b (alcohol and drug counselor), 376c (radiographer, radiologic technologist, radiologist assistant and nuclear medicine technologist), 378 (Nursing), 378a (Nurse's Aides), 379 (dentist), 379a (dental hygienist), 381a (Respiratory Care Practitioners), 382a (behavior analyst), 383 (Psychologists), 383a (Marital and Family Therapists), 383b (Clinical Social Workers and Master Social Workers), 383c (Professional Counselors), 383d (genetic counselor), 383f (music therapist), 383g (art therapist), 384b (dietician-nutritionist), 384d (Emergency Medical Services Personnel), 385 (Embalmers and Funeral Directors), 399 (speech and language pathologist); and 400j (Pharmacy), to allow persons who are appropriately licensed, certified or registered in another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, to render temporary assistance in Connecticut within the scope of the profession for which a provider is licensed, certified or registered.

Now, Therefore, based on concerns relative to COVID-19, and in accord with the authority set forth above and pursuant to Section 19a-131j(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as modified by Executive Order No. 9S, unless sooner terminated by me or unless the Governor sooner repeals or modifies the declared emergencies or Executive Order No. 9S, **I hereby order, effective immediately, the temporary suspension, for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency, of the requirements for licensure, certification or registration**, pursuant to sections 19a-512 and 19a-513 of the Connecticut General Statutes (nursing home administrators), and chapters 368d (Emergency Medical Services), 370 (Medicine and Surgery), 376 (Physical Therapists), 376a (occupational therapist), 376b (alcohol and drug counselor), 376c (radiographer, radiologic technologist, radiologist assistant and nuclear medicine technologist), 378 (Nursing), 378a (Nurse's Aides), 379 (dentist), 379a (dental hygienist), 381a (Respiratory Care Practitioners), 382a (behavior analyst), 383 (Psychologists), 383a (Marital and Family Therapists), 383b (Clinical Social Workers and Master Social Workers), 383c (Professional Counselors), 383d (genetic counselor), 383f (music therapist), 383g (art therapist), 384b (dietician-



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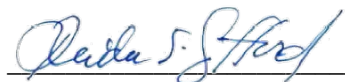
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nutritionist), 384d (Emergency Medical Services Personnel), 385 (Embalmers and Funeral Directors), 399 (speech and language pathologist); and 400j (Pharmacy), to allow persons who are appropriately licensed, certified or registered in another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, to render temporary assistance in Connecticut within the scope of the profession for which a provider is licensed, certified or registered; provided that:

1. Nothing herein shall be construed to permit such provider to provide services beyond the scope allowed in the chapter of the Connecticut General Statutes specified that pertains to such provider's profession;
2. Any such provider would be required to have and maintain malpractice or other form of liability insurance as required if such provider were licensed in Connecticut and shall have and maintain such insurance coverage in the form and amount required for his or her entire period of assistance in Connecticut;
3. Any Connecticut business or medical entity which engages or contracts with any such out-of-state provider shall be required to verify the credentials of such provider in the state in which he or she is licensed, certified or registered, ensure that such provider is in good standing in such state, and confirm the required insurance coverage.
4. Any such provider who is enrolled in Medicaid or a fully insured commercial plan shall accept the Medicaid or in-network reimbursement, respectively, as payment in full for his or her services.
5. Any such provider who provides medical services for a patient in Connecticut who is not a Medicaid beneficiary or covered by a fully insured commercial plan, may provide such services for such patient provided that such provider, prior to engaging in such services, must determine whether a patient is covered by a health plan other than Medicaid or a fully insured commercial plan, and whether such plan provides coverage for such services. Any such provider who receives payment under such health plan shall not bill a patient for any additional charges beyond the reimbursement received under such health plan. Any such provider who determines that payment is not available under another such health plan or who determines a patient is uninsured, shall accept as reimbursement for that service, as payment in full, the amount that Medicare reimburses for such service, provided that if such provider determines that the patient is uninsured or otherwise unable to pay for such services, such provider shall offer financial assistance if such provider is otherwise required to provide financial assistance under state or federal law.
6. Prior Orders regarding the temporary suspension of licensure, certification or registration for out-of-state providers, issued by the Commissioner of Public Health on March 23, 2020, May 15, 2020 and July 14, 2020, are hereby superseded.

Ordered this 24th day of December 2020



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