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## ORDER

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**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, Governor Ned Lamont, in response to the global pandemic of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), declared a public health and civil preparedness emergency throughout 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;

**WHEREAS**, on April 27, 2020, the Commissioner of Public Health issued an order modifying the Department of Public Health (DPH) regulations to add advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to be authorized to order home health services (the “DPH Order”);

**WHEREAS**, on May 5, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 7II authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to modify the Department of Social Services (DSS) home health regulations to the extent necessary to increase access of Medicaid members to home health services during COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, I have determined that modifying the DSS home health regulation in a manner consistent with the DPH Order is necessary to increase access of Medicaid members to home health services during COVID-19.

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to Executive Order 7II, I am modifying section 17b-262-725(24) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies to read as follows:

(24) “Licensed practitioner” means a physician, advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant who orders home health care services in accordance with sections 19-13-D66 to 19-13-D79, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

This order goes into effect retroactive to the effective date of the DPH Order and will remain in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 public health and civil preparedness emergency declared by the Governor, unless the Governor sooner repeals or modifies Executive Order 7II or the declared public health and civil preparedness emergency, or the Commissioner of Public Health repeals or modifies the DPH Order, or if this order is sooner modified or terminated by me.

Ordered this 11th day of May 2020

Deidre S. Gifford, MD, MPH  
Commissioner