

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Manisha Juthani, MD
Commissioner



Ned Lamont
Governor
Susan Bysiewicz
Lt. Governor

ORDER

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2022, Governor Ned Lamont signed into law House Bill 5047, “An Act Concerning the Extension of Certain Executive Orders and Department of Public Health Authority and COVID-19 Relief Days as amended by House Amendment C”, which provides in section 2 of said Act that, notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Public Health may exercise the commissioner's authority under subsection (a) of section 19a-131j of the General Statutes through April 15, 2022, without a public health emergency being declared by the Governor pursuant to section 19a-131a of the General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 19a-131(j) of the General Statutes, the Commissioner of Public Health may issue an order to temporarily suspend, for a period not to exceed sixty consecutive days, the requirements for licensure, certification or registration, required under specified statutory laws to render temporary assistance within the scope of the profession for which a person is licensed, certified or registered, in managing a public health emergency in this state; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic remains a grave threat to public health and safety and civil preparedness in the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a significant need for the expansion of the healthcare workforce in Connecticut.

NOW, THEREFORE, based on concerns relative to COVID-19, and pursuant to Section 19a-131j(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, unless sooner terminated by me, **I hereby order, effective immediately, the temporary suspension until April 15, 2022, of the requirements for licensure, certification or registration**, pursuant to chapters 370 (Medicine and Surgery), 378 (Nursing), 381a (Respiratory Care Practitioners), 383 (Psychologists), 383a (Marital and Family Therapists), 383b (Clinical Social Workers and Master Social Workers), and 383c (Professional Counselors), 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:



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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;

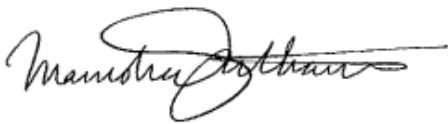
2. The license or certification of such provider has not been suspended or restricted by any licensing authority, surrendered while under suspension, discipline or investigation by a licensing authority, or surrendered following an arrest, and the individual is not on the List of Excluded Individuals/Entities maintained by the Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services;

3. 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;

4. Any Connecticut entity, institution or health care provider 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; and

5. Any such provider who is providing services using telehealth as defined in Public Act 21-9 shall comply with all requirements for the provision of such services set forth in said Act.

Ordered this 15th day of February 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Manisha Juthani", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Commissioner