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DATE: April 28, 2020  
SUBJECT: Webinar Scheduled for May 1, 2020 from 10AM to 11AM

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### 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**, the Governor's Executive Order No. 7K, dated March 23, 2020, authorized the Commissioner of Public Health (the Commissioner) to temporarily waive, modify or suspend any regulatory requirements adopted by the Commissioner or any Boards or Commissions under Chapters 368a, 368d, 368v, 369 to 381a, inclusive, 382a, 383 to 388, inclusive, 398 to 399, inclusive, 400a, 400c and 474 of the Connecticut General Statutes as the Commissioner deems necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the public health; and

**Whereas**, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a significant need for the expansion of the healthcare workforce in Connecticut; and

**Whereas**, the ability of Home Health Care Agencies to address the COVID-19 pandemic would be enhanced by suspension of certain restrictions on advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants.

**Now, Therefore**, in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the public health, and in accord with the authority set forth above, unless sooner modified or terminated by me or unless the Governor sooner repeals or modifies Executive Order No. 7K or the declared public health and civil preparedness emergency, **I hereby order that, effective immediately:**

Sections 19-13-D65 through 19-13-D79 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are hereby modified to replace the term "physician" with the term "healthcare practitioner", which shall be defined as a physician, advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant.

Ordered this 27th day of April 2020



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