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MARIO TRETO, JR.
Acting Secretary

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Acting Director

VARIANCE

Pursuant to the authority granted to me by 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1456.120, I hereby grant a Variance to the provisions of 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1456.75(c)(1) and 1456.90(a) which requires Respiratory Care Therapists to pay a \$20 fee for the restoration of a license, other than from inactive status, plus payment of all lapsed renewal fees and to show compliance with continuing education requirement. This Variance is specifically granted on behalf of Respiratory Care Therapists, who have Illinois respiratory care therapist licenses in “Non-renewed” status for less than five years.

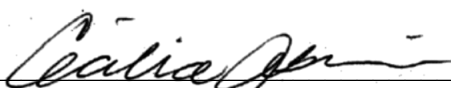
This Variance is granted based upon the particular facts surrounding the Illinois Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations initially issued on March 9, 2020 and issued most recently on December 10, 2021.

The purpose of this Variance is to allow Respiratory Care Therapists who have Illinois respiratory care therapist licenses, in “Non-renewed” status for less than five years, to restore their licenses by paying a reduced fee of \$0 and by exempting them from completing the necessary continuing education requirements, is due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and the need for an increased number of healthcare professionals. In order to restore a license under this Variance, the license shall not be revoked, suspended, or otherwise encumbered. Any license restored under this Variance shall be valid until May 31, 2022 or until the expiration of the Gubernatorial COVID-19 Disaster Proclamations, whichever occurs first.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned, this Variance is in no way intended to waive or modify any statute, rule or regulation concerning the licensure of or practice of respiratory care therapists. Respiratory Care Therapists who have Illinois respiratory care therapist licenses in “Non-renewed” status for less than five years shall be required to meet the remaining requirements for restoration contained in the Respiratory Care Practice Act and Administrative Rules before restoring their license to active status.

I have determined that the provision from which this Variance is granted is not statutorily mandated; no party will be injured by the granting of this Variance; and the rules from which this Variance is granted would, in this particular case, be unreasonable.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
of the State of Illinois, Mario Treto, Jr., ACTING SECRETARY, by


Acting Director Cecilia Abundis
Division of Professional Regulation

December 20, 2021
Date