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VARIANCE

Pursuant to the authority granted to me by 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1315.200, I hereby grant a Variance to 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1315.140, which requires occupational therapists and occupational therapist assistants to submit renewal documentation and pay certain renewal fees by the deadline of December 31, 2021. Such individuals are granted until January 31, 2022, to complete the renewal process.

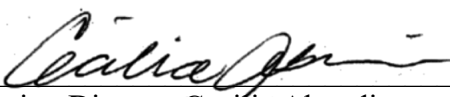
This variance is granted based upon the transition, in the spring, summer, and fall of 2021, to new data and operating systems utilized by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (“Department”), and the Department’s determination that certain licensees did not or may not have received notices and instructions concerning the required renewal via e-mail during this period.

The purpose of this Variance is to ensure that occupational therapists and occupational therapist assistants whose licenses would otherwise expire on December 31, 2021 do not experience an expired or lapsed license and are not required to take additional steps or pay additional fees to restore their license prior to January 31, 2022.

This Variance is in no way intended to waive or modify any other statute, rule, or regulation concerning the registration of occupational therapists or occupational therapist assistants, nor to extend the active licensing period beyond the expiration date for licensees otherwise required to be renewed by December 31, 2021. Licenses renewed through January 31, 2022, during the extended renewal period granted by this Variance, shall expire at the end of the ordinary renewal period designated by the relevant regulation applicable to the profession.

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

January 6, 2022
Date