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VARIANCE

Pursuant to the authority granted to me in the provisions of 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1400.70 I hereby grant a Variance on behalf of Licensed Clinical Psychologists and Licensed Prescribing Psychologists who must complete at least 6 in-person continuing education hours prior to renewal. According to the provisions of 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1400.60(b)(2), a maximum of 18 credit hours may be earned for completion of distance-learning courses or programs that are offered by an approved sponsor.

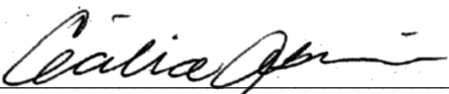
In order to contain the spread of COVID-19 the Department has become aware that continuing education providers and sponsors are cancelling courses and programs where licensees obtain continuing education, thus limiting opportunities for continuing education that would meet the in-person requirement as specified by 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1400.60(b)(2). As a result, licensees may not be able to meet the live attendance requirements as set forth in the rule above.

The purpose of this Variance is to waive the 18-credit hour cap on distance-learning continuing education and allow Clinical Psychologists and Prescribing Psychologists to complete all required continuing education hours via distance-learning courses or programs offered by approved sponsors.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned Rule, this Variance is in no way intended to waive or modify any statute, rule, or regulation concerning the continuing education or practice of Clinical Psychology or Prescribing Psychology. Each licensee must comply with all other renewal requirements including the payment of a fee.

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  
Deborah Hagan, SECRETARY, by

  
Acting Director Cecilia Abundis

June 4, 2020  
Date