VARIANCE

Pursuant to the authority granted to me by 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1465.90, I hereby grant a Variance to 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1465.70, which requires Registered Speech-Language Pathologists, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant, and Audiologists to submit renewal documentation and pay certain renewal fees by the deadline of October 31, 2021. Such individuals are granted until January 31, 2022, to complete the renewal process.

This variance is granted based upon the current transition to a 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 Registered Speech-Language Pathologists, Speech-Language Pathology Assistants, and Audiologists whose registrations would otherwise expire on October 31, 2021 do not experience an expired or lapsed registration, and are not required to take additional steps or pay additional fees to restore the registration, 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 Registered Speech-Language Pathologists, Speech-Language Pathology Assistants, and Audiologists, nor to extend the active registration period beyond the expiration date for registrants otherwise required to be renewed by October 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

October 12, 2021