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PUBLIC NOTICE

COUNSELING AND THERAPY PRACTICE BOARD

TEMPORARY LICENSURE AND TESTING DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-004

Due to the public health emergency declared by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham in Executive Order 2020-004, and the Department of Health's Amended Public Health Order dated March 19, 2020, individuals temporarily licensed under the New Mexico Counseling and Therapy Practice Board (Board) pending a national exam or national exam scores, have been granted 6-month extensions on their temporary licenses.

The Board is aware that testing centers around the country have ceased operations at this time. Due to the impacts of these closures, the Board understands that individuals already scheduled are now delayed, and individuals newly provided temporary licensure and exam approval letters are going to be delayed from the backlog.

All individuals with valid (current) temporary licensure will automatically obtain an additional six months without needing to reapply or pay any additional fees.

Individuals that meet the requirements for temporary licensure effective March 20, 2020 will be awarded a temporary license and an exam approval letter that will remain valid for a period not to exceed 12 months from the date of issuance. These individuals will not be granted an additional 6 months on their licenses or approval letters as that time is already factored into the initial documents provided by the Board Office.

The Board Office will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation, its impacts on applicants and licensees, and will adjust this policy as warranted.



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