Order Waiving Restrictions On Postgraduate Training Licensees Ordering And Administering COVID-19 Vaccines Outside Of Their Postgraduate Training Program

On March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the impacts of COVID-19 to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare to respond to an increasing number of individuals requiring medical care and hospitalization as a result of a broader spread of COVID-19.

Pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order N-39-20, during the State of Emergency, the Director of the California Department of Consumer Affairs may waive any statutory or regulatory professional licensing and training requirements pertaining to individuals licensed pursuant to Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, including those issued a postgraduate training license.

Accordingly, for individuals that hold an active and unrestricted postgraduate training license, the Director waives Business and Professions Code section 2064.5, subdivision (b), to the extent it prohibits such individuals from ordering and administering COVID-19 vaccines outside of their postgraduate training program without the program director’s approval, subject to the following conditions:

- The postgraduate training licensee successfully completes the required COVID-19 training programs prescribed by the California Department of Public Health at the following website: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/COVIDTraining-Non-Traditional.aspx.
- The postgraduate training licensee complies with all applicable federal and state recordkeeping and reporting requirements, including providing documentation to the patient’s primary care provider, as applicable, and enters information in the appropriate immunization information system designated by the immunization branch of the State Department of Public Health.
- The subject vaccine is administered in accordance with any applicable FDA emergency use authorization or license.

This order is effective immediately but may be amended as circumstances require.