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Order Extending May 6, 2020, Order Waiving In-Person Physician Examination Requirement for Continued Physical Therapy Treatment

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 requirements pertaining to individuals licensed pursuant to Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, including physical therapists.

On May 6, 2020, the Director issued an Order Waiving In-Person Physician Examination Requirement for Continued Physical Therapy Treatment. The order was scheduled to expire on July 5, 2020, but on July 1, 2020, the Director extended the order to September 3, 2020. On August 27, 2020, the Director further extended the order to November 2, 2020. On October 22, 2020, the Director extended it to December 31, 2020, and on December 15, 2020, the Director extended it to February 28, 2021. On February 26, 2021, the Director extended the order to April 30, 2021, and on April 30, 2021, the Director extended it again. On July 1, 2021, the Director extended the order to August 31, 2021. On August 31, 2021, the Director extended it to October 31, 2021, and on October 29, 2021, the Director extended the order again.

The Director hereby further extends the Order Waiving In-Person Physician Examination Requirement for Continued Physical Therapy Treatment. The order now terminates March 31, 2022, unless further extended.

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

Dated: January 11, 2022

Signature on File

Kimberly Kirchmeyer
Director