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FILING CAPTION: Extension of Current Renewal Period and Effective Date of Un-Renewed License

EFFECTIVE DATE: 03/20/2020 THROUGH 06/30/2020

AGENCY APPROVED DATE: 03/20/2020

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NEED FOR THE RULE(S):

While the Board itself has sufficient capacity to process remaining renewals, given the unprecedented actions taken at the national and state level to reduce the burgeoning spread of the COVID-19 outbreak and the demand this is placing on the health care system and health care professionals, licensees may experience undue hardship in completing the requirements for renewal of an existing license. These difficulties may include difficulty obtaining needed continuing competence hours or accessing certificate information, health-related challenges completing the requirements for renewal or other issues accessing needed services to complete the renewal process.

JUSTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY FILING:

Failure to extend the renewal period given the current context will likely result in a significant number of practitioners whose licenses would expire and who would then be unable to practice. Given the current demand on health care practitioners, which may include all licensed health care practitioners to support the COVID-19 response, this would be an unnecessary burden on practitioners, patients and the community. The extension of the renewal period and extension of current un-renewed license will allow practitioners who have not yet had a chance to renew additional time to do so after the currently established social distancing and related measures are projected to end.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

Analysis documents, board meeting materials. Available at the Board office.

ADOPT: 848-010-0032

RULE TITLE: 2020 Renewal Period Extended

RULE SUMMARY: Extension of current renewal period and current license expiration date in light of impact of COVID-19 on licensees.

RULE TEXT:

(1) A physical therapist or physical therapist assistant currently licensed under Oregon Revised Statute Chapter 688 is encouraged to renew timely when the requirements for renewal and circumstances allow them to complete the process.

(2) Notwithstanding any other rule of this chapter, a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant licensed under Oregon Revised Statute Chapter 688 whose current license expires March 31, 2020 may defer renewal of a license issued under Chapter 688 without lapse, additional penalties or additional application requirements, provided that all renewal requirements, including completion of continuing competence hours, are completed no later than May 31, 2020.

(3) The temporary ability to defer license renewal authorized by Section (2) of this rule does not change any requirements of licensure.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 670.310, ORS 688.160, ORS 182.466(5)

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 688.010-688.240