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On March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency due to novel coronavirus (COVID-19). In the amended declaration, [Executive Order 51](#), the Governor directed state agencies to continue to render appropriate assistance to prepare for and mitigate the effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. In doing so, he ordered authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation.

Pursuant to the authority granted to the agency head by Executive Order 51 (2020), I hereby conditionally suspend the below regulation for **Physical Therapist** and **Physical Therapist Assistant** renewal applicants who submit requests to the Board for suspension of the active practice requirements that demonstrate good cause for such suspension **on or before** the renewal deadline of December 31, 2020.

18VAC112-20-130. Biennial Renewal of License.

C. In order to renew an active license, a licensee shall be required to:

1. Complete a minimum of 160 hours of active practice in the preceding two years.

This suspension does not waive statutory requirements or limitations. This suspension shall take effect on October 5, 2020, and shall remain in full force and in effect until December 31, 2020, or unless sooner amended, or rescinded by further executive order.

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