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On March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency due to novel coronavirus (COVID-19). In the declaration, [Executive Order 51](#), the Governor directed state agencies to render appropriate assistance to prepare for and mitigate the effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Pursuant to the authority granted to the agency head by Executive Order 51 (2020), I hereby grant the below exceptions:

1. Extension of Continuing Competency Requirements:

All Boards have granted an extension of continuing competency requirements for a period of six months for any renewal currently due through June 30, 2020.

2. Expedited Licensure:

The Board of Medicine is streamlining its licensing process for the following professions: medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, physician assistant, podiatry, and respiratory therapy. The following are not required in the application process:

- Transcripts of professional education.
- Form b employment verifications.
- State verifications of licensure.

In addition, the Board already has an expedited licensure by endorsement process for medicine and osteopathy applicants who:

- Have practiced in another state for 5 years.
- Are board certified.

3. Renewal Late Fees:

DHP will be temporarily waiving renewal late fees beginning with the March renewals. This waiver is not intended to be back dated to older renewals. We plan to continue the waiver for future renewals depending on the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic period.

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