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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. 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 waive the below **Registered Medication Aide** regulation by waiving the 120 day limit on provisional practice, allowing provisional practice until such time that the applicant can test.

**18VAC90-60-91(B) & (D) Requirements for provisional practice.**

B. An applicant shall practice *for no more than 120 days* from the date of a letter from the board acknowledging receipt of the documentation required in subsection A of this section and granting provisional authorization.

D. An applicant with provisional authorization *shall immediately cease acting as a medication aide at the conclusion of the 120-day period* or upon notification of failure after three attempts to pass the written examination required for registration, whichever comes first.

This waiver does not waive statutory requirements or limitations. This waiver shall take effect on March 19, 2020, and shall remain in full force and shall not exceed 90 days following the expiration of the Executive Order.

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