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ORDER WAIVING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PROVIDERS

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Henry McMaster issued Executive Order No. 2020-08 declaring a public health emergency due to the evolving nature and scope of the public health threat or other risks posed by COVID-19 and the actual and anticipated impacts associated with the same;

WHEREAS, Governor McMaster ordered that the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (“DHEC”) be vested with those emergency powers set forth in the Emergency Health Powers Act, codified as amended in Title 44, Chapter 4 of the South Carolina Code of Laws;

WHEREAS, S.C. Code Ann. § 44-4-570(B)(2) provides that “[t]he appropriate licensing authority may waive any or all licensing requirements, permits, or fees required by law and applicable orders, rules, or regulations for health care providers from other jurisdictions to practice in this State;”

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners (“Board”) licenses physicians, physician assistants, and respiratory care practitioners, among other health care providers;

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the citizens of South Carolina may require the services of physicians, physician assistants, and respiratory care practitioners from other states during the declared public health state of emergency, as determined by DHEC;

AND WHEREAS, the Board concludes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of South Carolina to provide access to such physicians, physician assistants, and respiratory care practitioners licensed in good standing in other states without delay.

NOW, THEREFORE, effective immediately, the Board hereby waives any and all South Carolina licensing requirements for physicians, physician assistants, and respiratory care practitioners licensed in good standing in another state and whose services are determined to be necessary by DHEC. This waiver of licensing requirements shall remain in effect for the duration of the declared public health state of emergency, unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded by subsequent order.

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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