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**ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Order No. 2022-09**  
**Issued January 27, 2022**

On May 28, 2021, pursuant to Section 2A of Chapter 17 of the General Laws, Governor Charles D. Baker declared that an emergency exists that is detrimental to the public health in the Commonwealth due to the continuing threat of COVID-19, and authorized the Commissioner, with the approval of the Public Health Council, to adopt measures to facilitate COVID-19 testing and vaccination, to mandate special measures to protect higher risk populations or to effectuate continued surveillance of COVID-19, and to respond as necessary to outbreaks of the virus as they may arise.

Consistent with the Governor's May 28, 2021 declaration, on June 9, 2021, the Public Health Council approved and authorized the Commissioner of Public Health to take such actions, incur such liabilities, and establish such rules, requirements and procedures which are necessary to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in order to protect the health and welfare of the people of the Commonwealth. Accordingly, having received that authorization from the Council and with the approval of the Governor, I issue the following Order:

1. Physicians who are licensed in another State who present to the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine (Board of Medicine) verification that such license is in good standing in that other State where it was issued shall forthwith be issued an emergency Massachusetts license that shall remain valid until June 30, 2022. All physicians licensed under this provision may provide services in Massachusetts within a facility licensed or operated by the Department or another state agency, or in another location if approved by the Commissioner.
2. Individuals who have within the last five years held a license to practice as a physician granted by the Board of Medicine, and whose license has expired, lapsed or been retired but is not revoked, suspended, surrendered, or subject to any non-disciplinary restriction and is not subject to any outstanding complaints or investigations, shall have their licenses immediately renewed or reactivated upon request subject to the limitation of practice in Massachusetts within a facility or operated by the Department or another state agency, or in another location if approved by the Commissioner, without a requirement that the applicant has completed continuing education, or other reactivation requirements, and shall remain valid until June 30, 2022. Any applicable renewal fee set pursuant to section 3B of chapter 7, or late renewal fee shall be waived.

3. If the Board of Registration in Medicine becomes aware of any individual instance where, due to special concerns, application of this Order may be contrary to public interest, the Board may vote to exercise its discretion to determine whether to apply or suspend the terms of this Order in any such individual instance.

All applicable statutes, regulations, and guidance not inconsistent with this Order remain in effect.

This Order shall remain in effect until June 30, 2022 unless extended or rescinded by me prior to that date, or the public health emergency is terminated by the Governor, whichever shall happen first.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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Margret R. Cooke  
Acting Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health  
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