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Subject: Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL) Lifts Temporary Suspension of “Live” Continuing Education (CE) Requirements

To Whom It May Concern:

The Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing is lifting the temporary waiver of “live” CE requirements that allowed licensees to meet their CE requirements online or virtually, but will accept online/virtual CE as “live” CE until December 31, 2021.

DOPL has determined it is safe to return to “live” or in-person CE opportunities after referring to the collaborative work of state and local public health experts, the Governor’s Office, the hospital industry, business leaders, and important guidance from legislative leadership found on coronavirus.utah.gov. Effective May 15, 2021, Governor Spencer Cox has ended Utah’s declared emergency regarding COVID-19 and lifted statewide mask mandates. In addition, transmission rates continue to decline as more eligible Utahns receive their COVID-19 vaccinations.

The Division understands that in-person seminars, conferences, classes, etc. take time to plan and schedule. These factors make it difficult for CE providers to offer “live” CE within the next 6 months. To allow CE providers time to arrange “live” CE again, DOPL will continue to accept virtual or online CE through December 31, 2021. Beginning January 1, 2022, licensees will need to pursue “live” CE options to meet renewal requirements if they are required by statute or administrative rule. For example, those whose licenses expire May 31, 2022, may submit both online/virtual CE and in-person CE to meet the CE requirements as long as the online/virtual CE was obtained prior to December 31, 2021.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding “live” and online/virtual CE Requirements, call (801) 530-6628.

Sincerely,

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