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Pennsylvania Waives Certain Administrative Requirements for Graduate Medical Trainees During COVID-19 Emergency

In the ongoing effort to build and strengthen the healthcare workforce during the COVID-19 emergency, the Department of State requested a waiver related to Graduate Medical Trainees (GMTs), which was approved by the Governor. This waiver temporarily suspends the requirement that the applicant provide a detailed written statement of the medical services to be provided beyond the parameters of the GMT program and receive a board evaluation regarding training and education.

After a resident obtains a GMT license, he or she may apply to obtain an “interim limited license,” (sometimes referred to colloquially as a “moonlighting” license). This license allows GMTs to practice outside of their hospital/residency program for up to 12-24 months. For example, an interim limited license would allow a GMT to work and provide medical services at a hospital or other facility that is different from the hospital/facility to which he or she was “matched.” Applicants for interim limited licenses are primarily GMTs in postgraduate year two (PGY2), because successful completion of one full year of approved graduate training is a prerequisite. Therefore, it is an ideal means for GMTs to join the COVID-19 response effort if they so desire.

The State Board of Medicine will publicize the interim limited license as an option for eligible GMTs, and will endeavor to expedite the processing of new interim limited license applications filed during the COVID-19 emergency.

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