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Re: Update: State Relaxations of Licensure Requirements in Response to COVID-19  
Pandemic

Dear Randy:

You contacted us for regulatory counsel regarding an arrangement with Aetna to fund Give an Hour's ("GAH") delivery of their usual free mental health services – but via telehealth – to frontline healthcare workers in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. In our April 29, 2020 letter, we advised that state licensure laws, as relaxed and waived in response to COVID-19, will not significantly hinder the ability of GAH to proceed with this arrangement by the launch date. Below we provide an update of the duration of these relaxations and waivers in each state.

**New York**

In Executive Order 202.27, issued May 5, 2020, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo extended the waivers of licensure laws through June 4, 2020. We note that psychologists still have not been included in these licensure laws waivers, and thus psychologists are required to follow the application process detailed in the April 29, 2020 letter.

**New Jersey**

As mentioned in our April 29, 2020 letter, New Jersey's waivers will apply during the COVID-19 public health emergency – no expiration date has been set. However, providers should note that the licenses obtained through the accelerated licensure process are valid for only 180 days, with an additional 180-day extension available upon written request.

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## **Connecticut**

As mentioned in our April 29, 2020 letter, Connecticut's temporary suspension of licensure laws is valid until May 23, 2020. We anticipate an extension of the suspension, but Connecticut has not yet done so.

If you have any subsequent questions about this analysis or state licensure laws, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Attachments  
New York Executive Order No. 202.27