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MEMORANDUM

TO: Deepa Avula

FROM: I. Azell Reeves ^{DS} 

RE: Request to Renew a Waiver of
 Rules 10A NCAC 27G .0104 and 10A NCAC 28A .0102

During its meeting Thursday, February 24, 2022, the Commission voted to approve your request to renew a waiver of the aforementioned rules solely as it pertains to the definition of a Qualified Professional (QP) contained in 10A NCAC 28A .0102(b)(35)(B)-(D) and 10A NCAC 27G .0104(19)(b)-(d). These definitions mandate that all years of full-time MH/DD/SA experience required for credentialing as a QP be earned after one obtains the necessary educational degree. The waiver permits the years of full-time MH/DD/SA experience required for credentialing as a QP to be obtained before or after obtaining the educational degree.

Per your request, the Commission granted the waiver retroactive to January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023. The Commission anticipates this will permit time for completion of permanent rule actions related to the definitions at issue. The Commission's decision was based upon assurances that the waiver will not affect or threaten the health, safety and welfare of any consumers coupled with the fact that all potential staff will still be subjected to the hiring process including a review of relevant work experience and credentials obtained.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions related to this decision. I can best be reached via email at reev5205@bellsouth.net. In the alternative, you may reach me by contacting Ms. W. Denise Baker, Team Leader, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Team, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services at denise.baker@dhhs.nc.gov.

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