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FROM: North Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners

RE: COVID-19 Regulatory Relief Measures Pursuant to Session Law 2020-3

Soon after the arrival of Covid-19 pandemic in North Carolina during March 2020, the Board began to assess the potential impacts of Covid-19 upon the delivery of health care to the citizens of North Carolina and the steps which might be necessary to meet the needs of the public and for regulatory flexibility with respect to Board examinations and compliance with the continuing education requirements.

Following that assessment, the Board, in reliance upon the undue hardship language set forth in Administrative Rule 21 NCAC 52 .0208 (e), regarding the requirements for Continuing Medical

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Education (CME), made the decision to allow licensed podiatrists to obtain 100% of their required education credits online for years 2020 and 2021.

Separately, the Board utilizing the regulatory flexibility allowed by Session Law 2020-3, made the decision to waive late fees for any Podiatrist who were late in paying their renewal fees due to any COVID-19 reason.

With regards to its upcoming examination, the Board has implemented social distancing protocols, enhanced sanitation measures, and a compressed amount of time all of which is designed to protect the examinees.

Please advise if additional information is needed.