

**ORDER DISSOLVING NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD ORDER WAIVING PASSAGE OF THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT NATIONAL CERTIFYING EXAMINATION (PANCE) FOR NEW PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT GRADUATES DURING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, on April 10, 2020, the Board, as a result of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, issued an Order waiving Board rule 21 NCAC 32 .0202(a)(4) requiring applicants for a physician assistant license to take and pass the Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE); and

**WHEREAS**, the April 10, 2020 Order applied only to those applicants who graduated from an accredited physician assistant educational program after February 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has learned that physician assistant graduates are no longer having difficulty taking the PANCE as a result of the unavailability of testing centers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has further observed that applicants for a physician assistant license are not requesting benefit of the April 10, 2020 Order; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest for the Board to take this action; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board voted to dissolve the April 10, 2020 waiver at its March 2021 meeting.

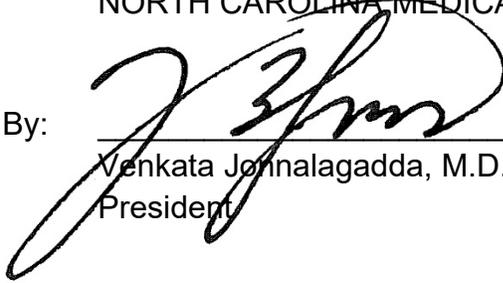
**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is **ORDERED** that:

The April 10, 2020 Order waiving the requirement in 21 NCAC 32S .0202(a)(4) that applicants who graduated from an accredited physician assistant educational program after February 1, 2020, be required to provide documentation of achieving a passing score on the PANCE is hereby **DISSOLVED**.

This the 1st day of April, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By:

  
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President