



States Waiving Licensure Requirements/Renewals in Response to COVID-19

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State	Note	Citation
Alabama	The Alabama Board of Medical Examiners and the Medical Licensure Commission have adopted emergency administrative rules and procedures allowing for the emergency licensing of qualified medical personnel. These measures will allow physicians and physician assistants who possess full and unrestricted medical licenses from appropriate medical licensing agencies to apply for and receive temporary emergency licenses to practice in Alabama for the duration of the declared COVID-19 health emergency. Physicians with retirement waivers will be able to obtain emergency reinstatement of their licenses without completing the 25 credits of continuing medical education that would normally be required. There will be no fees for the temporary emergency licenses and reinstatements. All temporary emergency licenses will be confined to no longer than the length of the statewide health emergency. Recipients of temporary emergency licenses will also receive restricted Alabama Controlled Substances Certificates for the sole purpose of treating patients suffering from and affected by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus.	ALBME Press Release Temporary Emergency License Requirements State Resource Page
Alaska*	<p>No changes related to licensing or renewals.*</p> <p>A pending bill in the Legislature, SB 241, says, in part, "... Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during the public health disaster emergency declared by the governor... a professional or occupational licensing board... may grant a license, permit, or certificate on an expedited basis to an individual who holds a corresponding license, permit, or certificate in good standing in another jurisdiction to the extent necessary to respond to the public health disaster emergency. A license expedited under this section expires on the earlier of September 1, 2020; or the date the governor determines... that the public health disaster emergency no longer exists..."</p> <p>* For as long as the Secretary's designation of a public health emergency remains in effect, DEA-registered practitioners may issue prescriptions for controlled substances to patients for whom they have not conducted an in-person medical evaluation, provided all of the following conditions are met: 1) The prescription is issued for a legitimate medical purpose by a practitioner acting in the usual course of his/her professional practice 2) Is conducted using an audio-visual, real-time, two-way interactive communication system. 3) The practitioner is acting in accordance with applicable federal and state law</p>	Emergency Declaration AK SB 241 Guidance re: Telemedicine State Resource Page
Arizona	Allows ADHS to waive licensing requirements to provide healthcare officials with assistance in delivering services during times of heightened demand.	Press Release State Resource Page
Arkansas	No changes related to licensing or renewals.	Emergency Declaration State Resource Page
California	Any out-of-state personnel, including, but not limited to, medical personnel, entering California to assist in preparation for, responding to, mitigating the effects of, and recovering from COVID-19 shall be permitted to provide services in the same manner as prescribed in Government Code section 179.5.	Emergency Declaration Clarification from EMS Authority State Resource Page
Colorado	<p>A physician or physician in training may temporarily practice without a Colorado license or physician training license under the following provisions of C.R.S. §12-240-107(3): The physician is licensed and lawfully practicing medicine in another state or territory of the United States without restrictions or conditions; does not otherwise have an established or regularly used medical staff membership or clinical privileges in Colorado.</p> <p>A provider with an expired or lapsed license, registration, or certification may operate within a 60-day grace period without being subject to penalties or fines under C.R.S. §12-20-202(1)(e). Note: Medical professionals must be aware of reimbursement and liability concerns beyond the date of license expiration.</p>	CO Dept. of Reg. Affairs Guidance State Resource Page
Connecticut	I hereby order the temporary suspension for a period of sixty consecutive days, of the requirements of licensure, certification or registration, pursuant to chapters... 370 (Medicine and Surgery)... to allow persons who are appropriately licensed, certified or registered in another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, to	Dept. of Health Order State Resource Page

	render temporary assistance in Connecticut within the scope of the profession for which a provider is licensed.	
Delaware	<p>No changes related to licensing or renewals.*</p> <p>* Out-of-state health care providers can now offer telemedicine services to Delawareans if they hold active licenses in another state.</p>	Modified Emergency Declaration Article State Resource Page
Florida	<p>The recently declared state of emergency further waives licensure requirements for out-of-state health care professionals who render services in Florida related to COVID-19, as long as they do so for the American Red Cross or the DOH.</p> <p>For purposes of preparing for, responding to, and mitigating any effect of COVID-19, health care professionals, advanced life support professionals, and basic life support professionals holding a valid, unrestricted, and unencumbered license in any state, territory, and/or district may render such services in Florida during a period not to exceed thirty days.</p> <p>Governor DeSantis directed all agencies to suspend for 30 days licensing and registration renewal requirements for existing professional licenses</p>	Article DOH EO No. 20-002 Press Release State resource page
Georgia	<p>The Georgia Composite Medical Board is authorized to grant temporary licenses to physicians who apply for a temporary medical license and are currently licensed as a physician in good standing by equivalent boards in other state to assist with the needs of this public health emergency</p>	Emergency Declaration Med Board Press Release State Resource Page
Hawaii	<p>“Allow out-of-state physicians, osteopathic physicians, and physician assistants.... to practice in Hawaii without a license; provided that they have never had their license revoked or suspended and are hired by a state or county agency or facility, or by a hospital, including related clinics and rehabilitation hospitals, nursing home, hospice, pharmacy, or clinical laboratory.”</p>	Updated Executive Order 3/16 State Resource Page
Idaho	<p>Whereas, the Medical Practice Act at Idaho Code 54-1804(1)(d) provides that a person authorized to practice medicine in another state or country may practice medicine in Idaho while rendering medical care in a time of disaster... until action is taken by the Governor of the state of Idaho to lift the declared emergency, the Board will issue temporary licenses to retired and inactive physicians, physician assistants, and respiratory therapists who have actively practiced within the last 5 years and have held a license to practice in good standing from Idaho or another state at the time of retirement or inactivity.</p>	Board of Med Proclamation State Resource Page
Illinois*	<p>No changes related to licensing.*</p> <p>The state is automatically extending licenses through the end of September.</p> <p>* Pritzker issued a “call to action” for all former physicians, nurses, physicians’ assistants, nurse practitioners, and respiratory care specialists who have recently left the field for retirement or another reason to “come back and join the fight.” ... the state will waive fees and expedite new licensure for all such personnel.</p>	Emergency Declaration Article re: Inactive Licenses and Renewals Physician Reinstatement Application State Resource Page
Indiana	<p>Suspension of the requirement that a healthcare provider hold an Indiana license if he or she: (1) has an equivalent license from another State, and (2) is not suspended or barred from practice in that State or any State.</p>	Emergency Declaration (updated 3/18) State Resource Page
Iowa	<p>A physician may practice medicine/telemedicine in Iowa without an Iowa medical license on a temporary basis to aid in the emergency, if a physician holds at least one active medical license in another United State jurisdiction, and all medical licenses held by a physician in other United States jurisdictions are in good standing, without restrictions or conditions. A physician whose Iowa medical license lapsed or expired in good standing within five (5) years of the date of the Proclamation may provide medical care and treatment of victims of this public health emergency for the duration of the Proclamation.</p>	Board of Med Emergency Declaration State Resource Page
Kansas	<p>The Board is accepting applicants seeking temporary licensure for the purpose of preparing for, responding to, and mitigating any effect of COVID-19. The Emergency Temporary License for the COVID-19 response is available for all health care professions regulated by the Board. Those who hold an emergency temporary license are limited to engaging in the practice of their profession for healthcare services relating to COVID-19 response efforts and/or mitigating any effect of COVID-19. The license will cancel in 90 days, if not renewed, and will automatically cancel 30 days after the declared Kansas state of emergency ends. All license fees will be waived for this license. Requirements are any of: (1) Currently hold a valid, full, active and unencumbered license in another state to engage in the same profession; or (2) Have held an active or exempt license in Kansas within the past 2 years, and such license was not suspended or revoked as a result of Board investigation or discipline; or (3) Currently hold a valid federally active license.</p> <p>Technical violations of the Healing Arts Act or other applicable practice act by</p>	Updated KSBHA Guidance (3/20) Emergency Temporary License Application State Resource Page

	healthcare providers that do not endanger or defraud the public, which are committed in the course of good faith COVID-19 response efforts during the Kansas emergency declaration period, will generally not be treated as a disciplinary matter by the Board * KSBHA is also granting extensions for CE deadlines	
Kentucky	Medical and Osteopathic physicians not already licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Kentucky may register to practice within Kentucky during the state of emergency declared by Governor Beshear.	Board of Med Licensure Instructions State Resource Page
Louisiana*	[Alluded to in declaration*] RS 29:760, the Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act is referenced, which says, in part “(9) Provide for the temporary appointment, licensing or credentialing of health care providers who are willing to assist in responding to the public health emergency.”	Emergency Declaration LA Rev Stat § 29:764 (2016) State Resource Page
Maine	No changes related to licensing or renewals.	Emergency Declaration Press Release State Resource Page
Maryland	To respond to the catastrophic health emergency, licensing, certification and credentialing of health care practitioners must be modified to expand the practice capabilities, permissions, and authorizations of those who already hold a Maryland license and those who are licensed in other states; To expand such practice capabilities, permissions, and authorizations, and protect the public health, welfare and safety, it is necessary to suspend certain State and local statutes, rules and regulations... During the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency, a hospital may need to appoint to its medical staff physicians and other healthcare practitioners to provide services for which the practitioner does not have an appropriate Maryland license. Because renewing expiring permits or licenses often requires the public to enter public buildings and interact with state employees; all licenses, permits, registrations, and other authorizations issued by the state, its agencies or any political subdivision that would expire during the current state of emergency will be extended until the 30th day after the state of emergency is lifted.	Health Care Executive Order Press release re: Renewals State Resource Page
Massachusetts	With the Governor declaring a State of Emergency, the Board of Registration in Medicine has established an Emergency Temporary License Application for out-of-state physicians to assist in meeting the increased demand for physician services in Massachusetts. To qualify for an Emergency Temporary License a physician must hold an active full, unlimited and unrestricted medical license in good standing in another U.S. state/territory/district. "Good standing" shall not include a license that has been revoked, cancelled, surrendered, suspended, or is subject to disciplinary restrictions. Any physician who has retired from the practice of medicine within one year of Executive Order No. 591, dated March 17, 2020, may have their license reactivated upon request. All physicians whose licenses have or will come up for renewal during the State of Emergency, which was declared on March 10, 2020, shall have their renewal date extended until 90 days after the end of the Emergency.	Board of Med Press Release Expedited License Application State Resource Page
Michigan	No changes related to licensing. ** Effective immediately... LARA may renew a license to practice... regardless of whether the licensee has satisfied the continuing education requirement applicable to their license... LARA may recognize hours worked responding to the COVID-19 emergency as hours toward continuing education courses or programs required for licensure.	Emergency Declaration Executive Order 2020-13 State Resource Page
Minnesota	No changes related to licensing or renewals.	Emergency Declaration State Resource Page
Mississippi	No changes related to licensing or renewals.* * Out-of-state physicians may utilize telemedicine when treating patients in Mississippi without the necessity of securing a license to practice medicine in the state, provided the out of state physician holds an unrestricted license to practice medicine in the state in which the physician practices and currently is not the subject of an investigation or disciplinary proceeding.	Emergency Declaration Board of Med Proclamation State Resource Page
Missouri	No changes related to licensing or renewals.	Emergency Declaration State Resource Page
Montana	No changes related to licensing or renewals.	Emergency Declaration State Resource Page
Nebraska	No changes related to licensing or renewals.	Emergency Declaration State Resource Page
Nevada	No changes related to licensing or renewals.	Article re: Emergency Declaration State Resource Page

New Hampshire	Any out-of-state personnel, including ... medical personnel, entering New Hampshire to assist in preparing for, responding to, mitigating the effects of, and recovering from COVID-19 shall be permitted to provide services in the same manner as prescribed in RSA 21-P:41 and any other applicable statutory authority with respect to licensing... for a period of time not to exceed the duration of this emergency.	Emergency Declaration State Resource Page
New Jersey	New Jersey will waive a host of regulatory requirements for healthcare professionals licensed in other jurisdictions to become licensed in New Jersey and offer services to New Jersey residents, including telemedicine and telehealth services. The waivers will apply during the public health emergency related to COVID-19... Under the accelerated temporary-licensure-by-reciprocity process, criminal history background checks, licensing fees, and submission of proof of a sufficient amount of medical malpractice insurance (where applicable) are waived. Certain licensure bodies are waiving additional requirements as well.	AG Guidance Temp. License Application State Resource Page
New Mexico	The Department of Health and the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall credential out-of-state professionals who can render aid and necessary services during the pendency of this order. NMSA 1978 §§ 12-10-10.1 through 12-10-13.	Emergency Declaration State Resource Page
New York	Sections 6512 through 6516, and 6524 of the Education Law and Part 60 of Title 8 of the NYCRR, to the extent necessary to allow physicians licensed and in current good standing in any state in the United States to practice medicine in New York State without civil or criminal penalty related to lack of licensure; Section 6502 of the Education Law and Part 59.8 of Title 8 of the NYCRR, to the extent necessary to allow physicians licensed and in current good standing in New York State but not registered in New York State to practice in New York State without civil or criminal penalty related to lack of registration. In response to the evolving situation with the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), and for those licensees whose registrations are due to renew March 1-June 1, 2020, the Department will grant an adjustment to all licensees to complete up to 100% of the continuing education as self-study, so long as it is taken from a Department-approved provider and is in an acceptable subject area for the specific profession. *Scope of practice changes for testing: Permits unlicensed individuals, upon completion of training deemed adequate by the Commissioner of Health, to collect throat or nasopharyngeal swab specimens from individuals suspected of being infected by COVID-19, for purposes of testing; and to the extent necessary to permit non-nursing staff, upon completion of training deemed adequate by the Commissioner of Health, to perform tasks, under the supervision of a nurse, otherwise limited to the scope of practice of a licensed or registered nurse.	Executive Order NYSED CME Guidance Executive Order re: Testing State Resource Page
North Carolina	I hereby temporarily waive North Carolina licensure requirements for health care and behavioral health care personnel who are licensed in another state, territory, or the District of Columbia to provide health care services within the Emergency Area. The North Carolina Medical Board voted today to allow recently retired or inactive licensees to return to practice.	Emergency Declaration Board of Med Statement State Resource Page
North Dakota*	[Alluded to in declaration*] North Dakota Century Code § 37-17.1 is referenced, which says, in part "... (5) If a person holds a license, certificate, or other permit issued by any state or political subdivision evidencing the meeting of qualifications for professional, mechanical, or other skills, the person may render aid involving that skill in this state to meet an emergency or disaster, and this state shall give due recognition to the license, certificate, or other permit..."	Emergency Declaration ND Cent. Code § 37-17.1
Ohio	No changes related to licensing or renewals.	Emergency Declaration State Resource Page
Oklahoma	No changes related to licensing or renewals.* * Stitt's order also waives part of Oklahoma state law requiring an existing doctor-patient relationship before telemedicine consultations can be conducted	Emergency Declaration Article re: Telemedicine State Resource Page
Oregon	Effectively, officials said the declaration will allow the health authority to: Bring in emergency volunteer healthcare professionals to add service, especially in rural communities. During a state of emergency, the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) allows physicians and physician assistants licensed in another state to provide medical care in Oregon under special provisions. Out-of-state health care professionals who wish to provide care in Oregon during this time must complete this authorization application. The first part of the rule lifts current administrative restrictions from Emeritus and Locum Tenens physicians and physician assistants (PAs). During this emergency, Emeritus licensees are no longer restricted to volunteer practice only, and may receive payment for their medical care; Locum Tenens licensees are no longer limited to 240 days of practice	Article re: Emergency Volunteers Board of Med Guidance Med Board Press Release Emergency Authorization Application

	per biennium and may now provide care in Oregon indefinitely. The second effort creates a new expedited license reactivation process for Administrative Medicine, Inactive, Lapsed, and Retired physicians and PAs who have been in active practice within the previous three years and who ended their clinical practice in good standing with the Board. The emergency rule also allows out-of-state physicians and PAs to apply to practice in Oregon if they are actively licensed and in good standing in another state.	State Resource Page
Pennsylvania	No changes related to licensing or renewals.	Emergency Declaration State Resource Page
Rhode Island*	No changes related to licensing or renewals in Declaration* *Rhode Island Director of Public Health “if someone has a medical license in good standing in another state, they can practice in RI after filling out a form. Doctors, RN's, pharmacists, etc. No cost for this new 90-day license”	Emergency Declaration Tweet re: RIDOH statement State Resource Page
South Carolina	South Carolina will issue “emergency” nursing and medical licenses to combat the COVID-19 pandemic... The state medical board can expedite temporary licensure for out-of-state physicians, physician assistants and respiratory care practitioners within 24 hours.	Med Board Guidance Temporary License Application State Resource Page
South Dakota	No changes related to licensing or renewals.	Article re: Emergency Declaration State Resource Page
Tennessee	The relevant provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Titles 63 and 68, and related rules are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to give the Commissioner of Health the discretion to allow a health care professional who is licensed in another state, and who would otherwise be subject to licensing requirements under Title 63 or Title 68, to engage in the practice of such individual's profession in Tennessee, if such individual is a health care professional who is assisting in the medical response to COVID-19.	Emergency Declaration State Resource Page
Texas	Gov. Abbott directed the Texas Medical Board (TMB) and the Texas Board of Nursing (TBN) to fast-track the temporary licensing of out-of-state physicians, physician assistants, certain retired physicians, nurses, and other license types. To assist our license and permit holders affected by and/or assisting with the repose to COVID-19, the TMB will automatically extend license and permit expiration dates as indicated below. In addition, Continuing Education requirements related to this renewal extension will be waived. Physician and physician assistant licensees whose current permit expired/expires on 2/28/2020 or 5/31/2020 will automatically be extended through 8/31/2020, and any late fees previously accrued will be waived.	Article re: Licensing Med Board Guidance State Resource Page
Utah	No changes related to licensing or renewals.	Emergency Declaration State Resource Page
Vermont	No changes related to licensing or renewals.	Emergency Declaration State Resource Page
Virginia	In response to Governor Northam’s declared state of emergency regarding COVID-19, and as authorized by Executive Order 42, a license issued to a health care practitioner by another state, and in good standing with such state, shall be deemed to be an active license issued by the Commonwealth to provide health care or professional services as a health care practitioner of the same type for which such license is issued in another state, provided such health care practitioner is engaged by a hospital, licensed nursing facility, or dialysis facility in the Commonwealth for the purpose of assisting that facility with public health and medical disaster response operations. Hospitals, licensed nursing facilities, and dialysis facilities must submit to the applicable licensing authority each out-of-state health care practitioner’s name, license type, state of license, and license identification number within a reasonable time of such healthcare practitioner arriving at the applicable health care facility in the Commonwealth. * During the period in which the Governor’s Declaration of Emergency is in effect, the Board of Medicine will waive the regulations relating to fees and continuing education for reinstatement or reactivation of licensure for doctors of medicine, osteopathic medicine, physician assistants, and respiratory therapists who held an unencumbered, active license within the past four years.*	Board of Medicine Guidance Temporary Waiver for Inactive Licensees State Resource Page
Washington	If volunteers are registered in the volunteer health practitioner system and verified to be in good standing in all states where they are licensed, they may practice in Washington without obtaining a Washington license once activated and assigned by DOH.	Medical Commission Guidance State Resource Page
Washington, DC	[Alluded to in declaration*] D.C. Official Code 7-2304.01 is referenced, which says, in part “Appoint licensed health care providers, either from the District of Columbia or from other jurisdictions, as temporary agents of the District of Columbia... (A) In effect solely for the duration of the	Emergency Declaration DC Code § 7–2304.0

	<p>public health emergency; (B) In effect solely for the purpose of assisting the District of Columbia in implementing the provisions of the District of Columbia response plan..."</p> <p>This Administrative Order is to set forth requirements under which licensure, registration, or certifications requirements, permits and/or fees shall be waived for healthcare practitioners appointed as temporary agents of the District of Columbia, in order to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.</p>	<p>Waiver of Licensure Requirements</p> <p>Resource Page</p>
West Virginia	No changes related to licensing or renewals.	<p>Emergency Declaration</p> <p>State Resource Page</p>
Wisconsin	No changes related to licensing or renewals.	<p>Emergency Declaration</p> <p>State Resource Page</p>
Wyoming	<p>Physicians and physician assistants not licensed in Wyoming may qualify to work here during the declared public health emergency through the "consultation exemption." If approved to do so, the physician or physician assistant is considered to be "consulting" with the State Health Officer. The exemption from licensure, if approved, will be valid until the earlier of the end of the Public Health Emergency or the termination by the State Health Officer of the physician's or physician assistant's "consultation." Current, full and unrestricted licensure in at least one U.S. jurisdiction or country is required. The exemption is not automatic, requires approval of the Board of Medicine and the State Health Officer, and does not apply to all physicians and physician assistants</p>	<p>Board of Med Guidance</p> <p>Emergency Licensure Application</p> <p>State Resource Page</p>