

PRMS SUMMARY OF STATE LICENSURE WAIVER INFORMATION

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For the sake of clarity, we have modified this list to reflect only the status of temporary licensure waivers that had been adopted by individual states during the COVID-19 pandemic. Those states whose waivers have expired may have other statutory provisions allowing for the practice of telemedicine by out-of-state physicians. PRMS clients may contact their risk managers to determine whether such provisions exist in states where they are seeing patients. Please note that this information is changing on a daily basis and thus this document should be used as a starting point only. We have noted that in several instances, states have declared an end to their state of emergency in advance of their originally published timeframe.

ALABAMA (reviewed 8/31/2021)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

ALASKA (reviewed 8/31/2021)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

ARIZONA (last update 8/31/2021)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

ARKANSAS (last update 9/1/2021)

Arkansas's public State Medical Board voted to grant a Border State Emergency Temporary License to physicians that are currently practicing in any of the six bordering states and also holds an active and unrestricted medical license in that state **with the understanding that this is for telemedicine only with already established Arkansas patients**. This one-time, non-renewable emergency license will be valid for 60 days from the date of issue, or until the public health emergency declaration has been lifted, whichever is first. The public health emergency originally expired on May 30, 2021; however, it was recently re-instated.

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Please contact the Arkansas Medical Board to determine the status of previous licensure waivers.

CALIFORNIA (reviewed 8/31/2021)

Telemedicine: A medical facility, telehealth agency or staffing agency who want to utilize medical professionals with out-of-state certifications or licenses during the COVID-19 State of Emergency must submit documentation to the EMS Authority prior to receiving approval.

Source: [Temporary License Application for Out-of-State Telehealth Providers](#)

Medical **providers with a preexisting patient(s)** who is moving to California may obtain a 30-day waiver to temporarily continue to provide care via telehealth by completing and submitting this [Authorization Form](#). **Note, this provision is tied to the public health emergency.**

COLORADO (reviewed 8/31/20/2021)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

CONNECTICUT (last update 9/1/2021)

Governor Lamont recently signed into law House Bill 5596 which is intended to allow for an increase in access to telehealth during the COVID-19 crisis. While several sources have reported that the law allows physicians and other providers from states outside of Connecticut to treat residents via telehealth without the need for a Connecticut license until June 30, 2023, in fact the new law only allows the Commissioner of Public Health to allow such a waiver if needed. This has not occurred. **There is currently no provision which would allow an out-of-state provider to practice telemedicine in Connecticut without a Connecticut license.**

Source: [House Bill 5596](#)

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DELAWARE (reviewed 8/31/2021)

The status of Delaware’s waiver for mental health providers is unclear. If you wish to treat patients currently located in the state of Delaware, please contact the appropriate Delaware licensing board for guidance.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (reviewed 8/31/2021)

Any healthcare provider licensed in their home state who is providing healthcare to DC residents shall be deemed a temporary agent of DC if 1) providing services to individuals at a licensed healthcare facility or 2) **has an existing relationship with patient who has returned to the District and the healthcare is providing continuity of care via telehealth.** On May 17, the Mayor extended this order for so long as District of Columbia law extends the emergency. The City Council subsequently voted to provide the Mayor with the authority to extend the emergency **until July 25, 2021.** Per the Mayor’s order of March 18, 2021, **this provision shall remain in effect for an additional 60 days beyond the expiration of the public health emergency which at this point would be September 23, 2021.**

Source: [Waiver of Licensure Requirements for Healthcare Providers Mayor's Order 3/18/2021](#)
[Mayor's Order 2021-069](#)
[DC Council](#)

FLORIDA (reviewed 8/31/2021)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

GEORGIA (last update 8/31/2021)

Effective March 14, 2020, Georgia Composite Medical Board is authorized to grant temporary licenses to physicians who apply for a temporary medical licenses and are currently licensed as a physician in good standing by equivalent boards in other states to assist with the needs of this public health emergency. All permits issued under this provision shall be valid for 90 days or until the statement of emergency or disaster has been lifted by the governor, whichever comes first. **The public health emergency expired on April 30, 2021. Accordingly, all temporary licenses will expire on September 28, 2021.**

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Source: [Georgia Medical Board Press Release](#)
[Emergency Practice Permit Application 2020](#)
[Executive Order 3-21-2021](#)

HAWAII (last update 8/31/2021)

Out-of-state physicians and PAs with current and active license, or those previously licensed in the state but who are no longer current and active, may practice without a license provided 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 homes, hospice, pharmacy, or clinical laboratory. This is set to expire on October 4, 2021**

Source: [Governor's Proclamation](#)

IDAHO (last update 9/1/2021)

The status of Idaho's waivers is unclear. Please contact the Idaho Board of Medicine if you wish to treat Idaho patients and are not licensed in that state

ILLINOIS (last update 8/31/2021)

Telemedicine: The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation interprets Executive Order 2020-9 to permit an out-of-state health care provider not licensed in Illinois to continue to provide health care services to an Illinois patient via telehealth **where there is a previously established provider/patient relationship.** The Department deems such a provider to be "authorized to practice in the State of Illinois" pursuant to Section 5 of the Executive Order without further need to obtain licensure in Illinois. **This order has been extended through September 18, 2021.**

Source: [Guidance for Out-of-State Physicians using Telehealth in Illinois](#)
[Executive Order 2021-19](#)

INDIANA (reviewed 8/31/2021)

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The State of Indiana has created a registry of individuals who do not hold a valid license to practice in Indiana but can be mobilized to help fight COVID-19 by issuing temporary permits to practice. **Licenses are set to expire on September 30, 2021.** Once the emergency is over, their license will expire and all existing application procedures must be followed such as taking the appropriate licensure exam and passing a criminal background check. This registry will be open to:

- Out-of-state healthcare practitioners;
- Retired healthcare professionals; and
- Recent graduates of accredited medical, registered nursing, pharmacy, physician assistant, and respiratory care programs.

These individuals who are seeking temporary licensure will be required to submit their information to the registry found above in order to temporarily practice in the State of Indiana during the current public health crisis.

Source: [COVID 19 Temporary Healthcare Provider Registry Executive Order 21-17](#)

IOWA (last update 8/31/2021)

Effective August 19, 2021, 1 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. **This provision is expected to expire on September 19, 2021.**

Source: [Iowa Medical Board Emergency Proclamation](#)

KANSAS (reviewed 8/31/2021)

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KENTUCKY (reviewed 9/1/2021)

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The emergency system allowing physicians not already licensed in Kentucky to register to practice during the state of emergency, was **rescinded July 23, 2021**. There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

Source: [Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure](#)

LOUISIANA (last update 8/31/2021)

Provisions for emergency temporary permit to provide **voluntary, gratuitous medical services** in state during public health emergency. Board may at its discretion issue permit to practitioner who provides services other than on a gratuitous basis. **The State of Emergency is due to expire on September 1, 2021 and temporary permits will expire 90 days thereafter.**

Source: [https://www.lsbme.la.gov/Governor's Proclamation 145-JBE-2021](https://www.lsbme.la.gov/Governor's-Proclamation-145-JBE-2021)

MAINE (reviewed 8/31/2021)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

Source: [Executive Order Governor's Proclamation 6/11/2021](#)

MARYLAND (last update 8/31/2021)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

Source: <https://www.mbp.state.md.us/forms/FAQsExecOrder.pdf>
[End of State of Emergency FAQ](#)

MASSACHUSETTS (last update 8/31/2021)

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General and Telemedicine: Pursuant to COVID-19 Order No. 41, *Order Authorizing the Reopening of Child Care Programs and Rescinding Eight COVID Orders*, Emergency Temporary License Applications for Out of State Physicians were no longer accepted after July 10, 2020. **Temporary licenses that have already been granted will remain in effect until December 31, 2021.**

Source: [Information regarding physician licensure during state of emergency](#)

MICHIGAN (reviewed 8/31/2021)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect

MINNESOTA (reviewed 8/31/2021)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

Source: [Emergency Executive Order Executive Order 21-24](#)

MISSISSIPPI (reviewed 8/31/2021)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

Source: [Proclamation](#)

MISSOURI (last update 9/1/2021)

Telemedicine: A physician may practice in the state of Missouri via telehealth if licensed in another state and his or her the license has not be disciplined by the other state. The waiver was stated to be in effect until the end of the emergency period. **The Missouri state of emergency has expired; however, it appears that waivers may still be in effect as per Executive order 21-09. Please contact the Missouri Board of Healing Arts for verification.**

Source: [Executive Order 21-09](#)

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MONTANA (reviewed 8/31/2021)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

Source: <https://governor.mt.gov/EO-10-2021-Rescinding-Emergency-Order.pdf>

NEBRASKA (reviewed 8/31/2021)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

Source: [Executive Order 20-10 FAQs](#)
[Governor ends state of emergency](#)

NEVADA (reviewed 8/31/2021)

There is a waiver and exemption of professional licensing requirements for qualified providers of medical services during this declared emergency who hold a valid license in good standing in another state. Individuals seeking waiver and exemption are required to notify the applicable Nevada licensing board or agency and provide any requested information.

Source: [Declaration of Emergency Directive 011](#)
[Emergency Licensure Application MD](#)
[Emergency Licensure Application DO](#)

NEW HAMPSHIRE (reviewed 8/31/2021)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

Source: [Emergency Order #15](#)
[Governor's Order 2021-10](#)
[Expiration of State of Emergency](#)

NEW JERSEY (reviewed 8/31/2021)

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General and Telemedicine: The Division of Consumer Affairs has modified previously announced terms of the Temporary Emergency Reciprocity Licensure Program for out-of-state licensed health care practitioners. On June 4, 2021 New Jersey stopped accepting Applications for Temporary Emergency Licenses. All licenses that have previously been issued – all of which were set to expire on June 30, 2021, will automatically be extended until September 30, 2021. **As of October 1, 2021, TERLs will cease to be valid. Individuals holding such licenses must, on or prior to October 1, 2021, cease and desist from engaging in any and all health care practice that would otherwise require a plenary (regular, full) New Jersey license. Failure to do so would violate New Jersey law, and you could be subject to civil or criminal actions for unlicensed practice in New Jersey. It could also subject you to discipline in your home state.**

If you file an application for a plenary license **on or before July 31**, you will receive a one-time extension of your TERL from September 30, 2021 until the earlier of: (1) the date on which the licensing board or committee either grants or denies your application for a New Jersey license; or (2) December 31, 2021.

Source: [Notice re: Temporary Emergency Reciprocity Licenses](#)

NEW MEXICO (last update 8/31/2021)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

Source: [Executive Order 2021-030](#)
[NM Emergency License FAQs](#)

NEW YORK (reviewed 8/31/2021)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

Source: [Governor's Order 202.5](#)
[OP NYSED COVID 19 Executive Orders](#)
[Executive Order 210](#)

NORTH CAROLINA (last update 8/31/2021)

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General and Telemedicine: Out-of-state physicians may obtain a limited emergency license by submitting a short online application. There is no fee and licenses are typically issued within 48 business hours. All emergency licenses the NCMB issues in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic shall expire thirty (30) days after the State of Emergency as declared in Governor Cooper’s Executive Order No. 116 has ended. **The State of Emergency is currently ongoing.**

Source: [NC Medical Board Licensure FAQs](#)
[Emergency Disaster Licensure FAQs](#)
[NC Medical Board Order re Licensure Expiration](#)
[Governor's Order 225](#)

NORTH DAKOTA (reviewed 8/31/2021)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

Source: <https://www.governor.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/executive-orders/Executive%20Order%202021-09%20rescind%20COVID-19%20dec.pdf> (if this link does not work, please copy and paste it onto your browser)

OHIO (reviewed 8/31/2021)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

Source: <https://governor.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/governor/media/executive-orders/executive-order-2021-08d>

OKLAHOMA (reviewed 8/31/2021)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

Source: [Executive Order 2021-11](#)

OREGON (reviewed 8/31/2021)

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There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

Source: [Executive Order 21-15](#)

PENNSYLVANIA (reviewed 8/31/2021)

Telemedicine: Administration granted a temporary suspension of the requirement for out-of-state practitioners to be licensed in Pennsylvania to practice telemedicine so long as they are licensed in good standing in their home state. Out of state practitioners must provide the Pennsylvania board from whom they would normally seek licensure with the following information prior to practicing telemedicine with Pennsylvanians: 1) their full name, home or work mailing address; and 2) their license type, license number or other identifying information that is unique to that practitioner’s license, and the state or other government body that issued the license. **All temporary emergency licenses will expire on September 30, 2021.**

Source: [Governor's Order Telemedicine Summary Governor's Proclamation 2/19/2021 DOS.PA.gov](#)

RHODE ISLAND (reviewed 8/31/2021)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

Source: <https://health.ri.gov/licenses/>

SOUTH CAROLINA (reviewed 8/31/2021)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

Source: [Executive Order 2021-20 APNews.com](#)

SOUTH DAKOTA (reviewed 8/31/2021)

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There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

Source: https://dss.sd.gov/docs/COVID19/COVID19_FAQ_Providers.pdf
[Executive Order 2020-34](#)

TENNESSEE (reviewed 8/31/2021)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

Source: [Executive Order 15](#)
[Executive Order 77](#)
[Executive Order 80](#)

TEXAS (last update 9/1/2021)

Out-of-state physicians are permitted to obtain a Texas limited emergency license or hospital-to-hospital credentialing for no more than 30 days from the date the physician is licensed or until the disaster declaration has been withdrawn or ended whichever is later.

The Texas state of emergency is currently set to expire on September 30, 2021. Physician must hold a full, unlimited and unrestricted license to practice in another U.S. state, territory, or district provided a Texas sponsoring physician must complete a limited emergency license application and the board must verify the physician's licensure.

Source: <http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/licensing>
[Renewal of Disaster Declaration](#)

UTAH (reviewed 8/31/2021)

A physician who is licensed and lawfully practicing medicine in another U.S. state or territory without restrictions or conditions may practice in Utah for the duration of the declared emergency by obtaining a DOPL Time-limited Emergency License. Time-limited Emergency Licenses expire upon the earlier of 180 days, 30 days from the end of the

declared emergency, or upon 10 days' notice from DOPL. **The Utah statewide public health emergency is in effect until otherwise modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded.**

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Source: [Emergency License Application Utah Code 58-1-307.](#)

VERMONT (reviewed 8/31/2021)

Telemedicine: If you are providing only telehealth to people in Vermont you do not need a license and you do not have to provide your contact information to the Office of Professional Regulation. **Valid until March 31, 2022.**

Source: [COVID 19 - Licensing and Information H960 Temporary Emergency and Deemed Licensure During COVID-19](#)

VIRGINIA (reviewed 8/31/2021)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

Source: [Virginia Board of Medicine Governor's New Release May 14, 2021](#)

WASHINGTON (reviewed 8/31/2021)

General: Out-of-state practitioners may become volunteers by registering and completing an application.

Source: [Proclamation 20-05](#)

WEST VIRGINIA (reviewed 8/31/2021)

General and Telemedicine: The West Virginia Board of Medicine has promulgated an emergency rule to create a registration process for eligible physicians and physician assistants to practice in West Virginia during the COVID-19 State of Emergency. To be eligible to practice pursuant to this rule, the physician or physician assistant must register with the Board. This rule creates an emergency registration process for the following providers who want to provide medical care in West Virginia under special provisions during the period of the declared emergency:

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1. physicians who hold unrestricted licensure in another state;
2. physician assistants who hold unrestricted licensure in another state;
3. certain inactive or expired status West Virginia physicians; and
4. certain expired status West Virginia physician assistants.

Registrants may practice medicine in West Virginia consistent with their scope of practice and the standard of care, and may practice in person or via telemedicine technologies to West Virginia patients. Registered physician assistants must practice in collaboration with physicians pursuant to a Practice Agreement or Practice Notification.

Source: [West Virginia Board of Medicine](#)
[Registration for Emergency Practice MD](#)
[Emergency Temporary Permit DO](#)

WISCONSIN (reviewed 8/31/2021)

Wisconsin's State of Emergency expired on April 5, 2021; however, recently enacted legislation appears to allow telemedicine providers **who are working for a health care employer** and who have previously applied for temporary credentials to continue to treat patients through the duration of the national public health emergency and for 30 days thereafter.

Telemedicine: Per recent legislation, "a health care provider may provide services within the scope of the credential that the health care provider holds and the department shall grant the health care provider a temporary credential to practice under this section if all of the following apply:

1. The health care provider applies to the department for a temporary credential under this section within 30 days of beginning to provide health care services for a health care employer. The health care provider shall include in the application an attestation of all of the following:
 - a. The date on which the health care provider first provided health care services in this state under this section.
 - b. That the health care provider holds a valid, unexpired credential granted in another state.
 - c. The health care provider is not currently under investigation and no restrictions or limitations are currently placed on the health care provider's credential by the credentialing state or any other jurisdiction.

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d. The health care provider has applied for a permanent credential granted by the department or an examining board, as applicable. **Health care providers who provides health care services only during the period covered by a national emergency declared by the U.S. president under 50 USC 1621 in response to the 2019 novel coronavirus or during the 30 days immediately after the national emergency ends are not required to apply for a permanent license.**

Source: <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2021/related/acts/10>

WYOMING (reviewed 8/31/2021)

Telemedicine: If you have an **existing physician-patient relationship** established in a face-to-face encounter in your state, and the patient is not able to travel to your state now due to the Public Health Emergency, you may continue that patient’s care via telehealth, including telephone, without a Wyoming physician license. This includes following up on procedures performed in your home state, adjusting medication dosing, prescription refills, ordering diagnostic testing, etc. The telehealth technology must allow you to meet the standard of care at all times. **You may not, however, provide care that treats a new diagnosis or condition without a Wyoming physician license if you have not seen the patient for it in a face-to-face encounter in your home state.** You also may not provide care beyond such a time as the standard of care dictates that a face-to-face encounter should occur.

Source: [http://wyomedboard.wyo.gov/resources/covid-19
Emergency Licensure Application](http://wyomedboard.wyo.gov/resources/covid-19/Emergency%20Licensure%20Application)

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