

PRMS SUMMARY OF STATE LICENSURE WAIVER INFORMATION

PLEASE READ:

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 1/27/2022)

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

ALASKA (reviewed 1/27/2022)

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

ARIZONA (reviewed 1/27/2022)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect for out-of-state telemedicine practice.

ARKANSAS (reviewed 1/27/2022)

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

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CALIFORNIA (reviewed 5/13/2022)

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](#). This waiver is not renewable. Providers must determine the date upon which they want the 30-day period to begin. **Note, this provision is tied to the public health emergency.**

Source: [COVID-19 EMS Resource Portal | EMSA \(ca.gov\)](#)

COLORADO (reviewed 1/27/2022)

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

CONNECTICUT (last update 5/13/2022)

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

DELAWARE (reviewed 1/27/2022)

The status of Delaware's waiver 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 5/23/2022)

DC is quite confusing. Although the original waivers (allowing for the provision of services via telehealth by an out-of-state physician to an established patient who has returned to the District for the purposes of continuity of care) expired on September 23, 2021, the City Council subsequently enacted emergency legislation which extended this waiver.

The legislation that was passed amended various provisions of DC law and made it less than clear as to when these particular waivers are to expire. In reviewing the notes included in the legislation, **it is our interpretation, licensure waivers were to expire on March 24,**

2022. After this time, it appeared that out-of-state treatment via telemedicine may be limited and registration may be required. However, On their website, the DC Board of

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Medicine has the following statement regarding licensure waivers:

Licensure Waivers

In response to COVID-19, DC Health has waived all licensure requirements for practitioners who are licensed in good standing in another jurisdiction. You can read more about the waiver process [HERE](#).

This leads to the Department of Health's Order from March 2020 waiving licensure. This seems odd given the expiration of the original waivers and subsequent legislation so you may want to contact the board directly before treating patients via this waiver.

Source: [DC Act 24-189](#)
[DC Board of Medicine](#)

FLORIDA (reviewed 1/27/2022)

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

GEORGIA (reviewed 5/13/2022)

Temporary licenses expired on April 15, 2022. There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect.

HAWAII (reviewed 1/7/2022)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect for out-of-state telemedicine practice.

IDAHO (reviewed 4/20/2022)

COVID-Related Physician Licensure Exemption - Idaho Code 54-1804(1)(d) sets forth a licensure exemption for physicians during a time of disaster. The Governor's August 17, 2021 Proclamation declared a state of disaster emergency in Idaho. During this time of disaster, physicians who are licensed to practice in another state or country and in good standing can practice medicine via telehealth or in person in Idaho pursuant to Idaho Code 54-1804(1)(d).

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The Governor announced the state of disaster emergency in Idaho will be lifted on April 15, 2022. To ensure continuity of patient care, physicians who are not licensed in Idaho have until July 1, 2022 to pursue licensure in Idaho or transition patient care to an Idaho-licensed physician.

Source: [COVID-Related Physician Licensure Exemption](#)

ILLINOIS (last update 5/13/2022)

The requirements for permanent licensure of physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants, clinical professional counselors, professional counselors, clinical psychologists, social workers, clinical social workers, and marriage and family therapists who are licensed in another state, are in good standing, and working in response to the public health emergency declared by the Governor, are suspended to allow out-of-state licensees to provide vital remote telehealth services in Illinois. Out-of-state licensees are limited to providing treatment pursuant to this Order during the duration of this Order and can only provide such treatment when they have a provider-patient relationship that predates the effective date of this Order.

This Order is effective on January 10, 2022 and shall continue in effect until May 31, 2022 or until the expiration of the Gubernatorial COVID-19 Disaster Proclamations (currently set to expire on May 29, 2022), whichever occurs first.

Source: [Dept of Financial and Professional Regulation Secretary's Order 1/10/2022 Executive Order 2022-05 Disaster Proclamation 4-29-2022](#)

INDIANA (last update 3/29/2021)

On March 19, 2020, Governor Eric Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-05 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This Order, and its various extensions, permitted certain unlicensed healthcare workers to practice under an emergency registry.

To address Indiana's ongoing healthcare needs, Governor Holcomb recently incorporated the emergency healthcare registry into law with his signature of House Bill 1003. Under this new law, the healthcare registry is extended through the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This declaration must be updated every 90 days, and was last updated on January 14, 2022.

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What does this mean for your emergency registration?:

- Unless otherwise notified by PLA, no action is required at this time to preserve your emergency registration. The emergency registration issued to you under Governor Holcomb's various Executive Orders is identical to the license issued under House Bill 1003.
- PLA anticipates the emergency registry will remain valid until at least **June 13, 2022**.
- PLA anticipates that it will provide approximately 60 days' notice before the expiration of the emergency registry.

Once the emergency is over, licenses 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.

Source: [COVID 19 Temporary Healthcare Provider Registry](#)

IOWA (last update 5/23/2022)

Iowa's waiver and grace period have now expired. As of May 17, 2022, providers must have an Iowa license to treat Iowa patients.

Source: [Iowa Board of Medicine](#)

KANSAS (last update 1/27/2022)

Waivers have been reinstated via the Governor's order of January 6, 2022 which provides that until further notice, any and all provisions in Kansas law are temporarily suspended to the extent necessary to allow health care professionals licensed and in good standing in any state or territory in the U.S. to practice without criminal, civil, or administrative penalty related to lack of licensure.

It is somewhat confusing; however, as Kansas has a form to complete for an out-of-state waiver but also recommends that you obtain a free temporary license. Temporary licenses will expire in 90 days if not renewed and all temporary licenses will automatically cancel on January 20, 2023. **Both the waiver and the temporary license limit providers to engaging**

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in the practice of their profession for healthcare services relating to COVID-19 response efforts and/or mitigating any effect of COVID-19.

Source: [Executive Order 22-01](#)
<http://www.ksbha.org/covid.shtml>

KENTUCKY (last update 5/13/2022)

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

LOUISIANA (last update 3/31/2022)

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 expired on March 16, 2022. Temporary permits will expire 90 days thereafter.**

Source: [https://www.lsbme.la.gov/Governor's Proclamation 18 JBE 2022](https://www.lsbme.la.gov/Governor's%20Proclamation%2018%20JBE%202022)

MAINE (reviewed 1/27/2022)

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

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

MARYLAND (reviewed 1/27/2022)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect. Note, the reinstatement of Maryland's state of emergency does not allow out-of-state physicians to treat their patients via telemedicine.

Source: <https://www.mbp.state.md.us/forms/FAQsExecOrder.pdf>

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[End of State of Emergency FAQ](#)

MASSACHUSETTS (last update 3/30/2022)

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 be valid until June 30, 2022 unless extended or rescinded by the Commissioner prior to that date, or the public health emergency is terminated by the Governor, whichever shall happen first.**

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

MICHIGAN (reviewed 1/27/2022)

There are currently no COVID-related licensure waivers in effect

MINNESOTA (reviewed 1/27/2022)

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

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

MISSISSIPPI (reviewed 1/27/2022)

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

Source: [Proclamation](#)

MISSOURI (reviewed 1/27/2022)

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

MONTANA (reviewed 1/27/2022)

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

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

NEBRASKA (reviewed 1/27/2022)

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

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

NEVADA (last update 5/23/2022)

As of May 20, 2022 the Declaration of Emergency for COVID-19 was terminated by the governor. Anyone wishing to practice medicine in Nevada must have a Nevada license. The unlicensed practice of medicine, respiratory care, or perfusion is criminal conduct under Nevada law.

Source: <https://medboard.nv.gov/>

NEW HAMPSHIRE (reviewed 1/27/2022)

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 (last update 3/29/2022)

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General and Telemedicine: On January 11, 2022, the governor reinstated New Jersey’s public health emergency and extended administrative waivers establishing the temporary emergency licensing (TERL) program. As a result, all TERLs issued to healthcare professionals in Group 2 professions (which includes physicians) will continue in full force and effect until July 1, 2022. Additionally, the TERL program will continue to accept new applications for TERL licenses from qualified Group 2 healthcare practitioners until that time.

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

NEW MEXICO (reviewed 1/27/2022)

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

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

NEW YORK (last update 5/13/2022)

Due to anticipated staffing shortages as a result of vaccine mandates, New York has temporarily re-instated its waivers 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. **This waiver is to remain in effect until May 30, 2022.**

Source: [Executive Order 4](#)
[Executive Order 4.8](#)

NORTH CAROLINA (last update 5/13/2022)

North Carolina is unclear. Per the Board of Medicine, all limited emergency licenses issued in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic were to have expired on April 18, 2022; however, Governor’s Order 256 seems to suggest they may remain in effect. Please contact the board directly for clarification.

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Source: [NC Medical Board Licensure FAQs](#)
[Emergency Disaster Licensure FAQs](#)
[Governor's Order 225](#)
[Executive Order 236](#)
[Executive Order 245](#)
[Temporary Licensure Dissolution Order 3-18-2022](#)
[Governor's Order 256](#)

NORTH DAKOTA (reviewed 1/27/2022)

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

Source: [Executive Order 2021-09](#)

OHIO (reviewed 1/27/2022)

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

Source: [Executive Order 2021 O8D](#)
[Telemedicine FAQs](#)

OKLAHOMA (reviewed 5/23/2022)

Effective 8/25/2021 emergency rules were issued allowing for temporary critical need licenses to combat the surge in COVID cases. **This does not appear to allow for the use of telemedicine by out-of-state physicians.** Please contact the medical board for confirmation.

Source: [Oklahoma Medical Board Temporary Emergency Rules](#)

OREGON (reviewed 1/28/2022)

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

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

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PENNSYLVANIA (last update 3/31/2022)

All temporary emergency licenses will expire on June 30, 2022.

Source: [Governor's Order
Telemedicine Summary
PA Medical Society](#)

RHODE ISLAND (last update 5/13/2022)

There are no formal COVID-related licensure waivers in effect for physicians. However, the Board of Medicine has noted that many residents typically cross borders to seek healthcare and to that end has made the following statement: “the Board wishes to make clear that it encourages all physicians to use telemedicine to deliver care to their patients and that the Board will not take action against physicians not licensed to practice in Rhode Island who, during the state of emergency, use telemedicine to deliver care to their established Rhode Island patients. **The state of emergency is currently set to expire on June 8, 2022.**

Source: [Rhode Island Department of Health Guidance
Executive Order 22-26](#)

SOUTH CAROLINA (reviewed 1/27/2022)

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

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

SOUTH DAKOTA (reviewed 1/27/2022)

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](#)

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TENNESSEE (reviewed 1/27/2022)

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

TEXAS (last update 5/23/2022)

Out-of-state physicians are permitted to obtain a Texas limited emergency license. Physicians 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. Emergency permits will remain in effect or 30 days after the termination of the disaster declaration. **The Texas state of emergency is currently set to expire on June 21, 2022.**

Source: [Texas Medical Board \(state.tx.us\)](https://state.tx.us)
<https://gov.texas.gov/news/category/proclamation>

UTAH (reviewed 1/28/2022)

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

VERMONT (last update 5/13/2022)

Beginning April 1, 2022, you must be registered with the Board of Medical Practice to practice telehealth with a Vermont patient if you do not hold a Vermont license.

Source: [Vermont Board of Medicine](#)
[Instructions for Temporary Telehealth Registration](#)

VIRGINIA (reviewed 5/13/2022)

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

WASHINGTON (reviewed 1/28/2022)

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

Source: [Proclamation 20-05](#)

WEST VIRGINIA (reviewed 4/1/2022)

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:

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
Emergency Temporary Permit DO](#)

WISCONSIN (reviewed 4/4/2022)

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:

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- 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.
- 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 provide 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://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/NewsMedia/COVIDInformation.aspx>
<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2021/related/acts/10>
[Health Care Provider Form 2021-A101: Application for 2021 Wis. Act 10](#)
[Temporary Credential Health Care Employer Form 2021-A102: Health Care](#)
[Employer Notification for 2021 Wis. Act 10 Temporary Credential](#)

WYOMING (last update 5/13/2022)

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