

State Actions related to licensure in response to COVID-19 (includes information on retired or inactive physicians)

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State	Licensure
Alabama	
Alaska	
Arizona	The Department of Health has permitted the medical board to temporarily waive licensure requirements for out-of-state physicians. (1)
Arkansas	Temporary licenses for medical residents who have completed at least one year of post-graduate training and have the written recommendation of their program director. (1)
California	Expanded EMAC to volunteer out of state physicians responding to COVID-19
Colorado	Waives licensure requirement for out-of-state physicians who meet certain requirements (guidance saved in g:drive)
Connecticut	
Delaware	Waive licensure requirements for out-of-state physicians. Physicians who have held an active Delaware license or certification within the last five years, which is now inactive, expired, or lapsed, may provide healthcare services in Delaware, so long as that license was active and in good standing for the duration of the five-year period prior to the date it went inactive, expired or lapsed. (1)
DC	Limited reciprocity for out-of-state physicians (via telemedicine for existing patients) or (services in a health care facility, incl. telemedicine)
Florida	Volunteer out-of-state physicians allowed to practice in FL under the American Red Cross or Florida Department of Health
Georgia	Waves licensure requirements for licensed out-of-state physicians (1)
Hawaii	Waives licensure requirements for licensed out-of-state or previously licensed physicians. Must be 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 (1)
Idaho	BOM will issue temporary licenses to retired and inactive physicians 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. Physicians who have an unrestricted license in good standing in another state ay practice in Idaho, including telemedicine without securing an Idaho license, but they are encouraged to notify the board. (1)
Illinois	Physicians whose license is expired or inactive, for less than 3 years, can restore their license no fee and CE requirements will be waived. Permitted to work under the direction of IEMA/IDPH or in a long-term care facility, hospital, or Federally Qualified Health Center
Indiana	Waive state licensure requirement for licensed out-of-state physicians to practice in Indiana. (1)
Iowa	Allow physicians whose license is inactive or has lapsed within the last 5 years to practice. But, limited to medical care and treatment of victims of this public health disaster emergency. (1)
Kansas	Temporary license available to out-of state health care providers and Kansas providers who held an active license within the last 2 years, and whose license has not been revoked or suspended. May only provide services relating to COVID-19 response efforts and/or mitigating any effect of COVID-19. (1)
Kentucky	Licensed out-of-state physicians may register with state to provide services in Kentucky. (1)
Louisiana	Licensed out-of-state physicians my register with board for temporary, voluntary license. (1)
Maine	Allow the expedited licensure (at no cost) of qualified physicians licensed in other states and physicians who have retired in good standing in Maine in the last two years to provide assistance for the duration of the emergency (1)
Maryland	Waive licensure requirements for licensed out-of-state physicians practicing in a health care facility. Inactive practitioners may also practice at a facility if certain parameters are met (1)
Mass	Temporary license for out-of-state physicians to respond to COVID-19 (1)
Michigan	Waive state licensure requirement for licensed out-of-state physicians and physicians who retired in last 5 years. (1)

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Minnesota	
Mississippi	Waive licensure requirement for telehealth (1)
Missouri	Governor’s EO allows Board to waive/ease licensure requirements.
Montana	May provide interstate licensure recognition whenever a state of emergency or disaster is in effect by registering professionals who possesses an active, unrestricted license in another state. Certain modification of statutes and administrative rules is necessary to achieve this purpose. (1)
Nebraska	
Nevada	
New Hampshire	Out-of-state medical personnel entering NH to provide care related to COVID-19 shall be permitted to provide services in the same manner as prescribed in RSA 21-P:41.
New Jersey	Licensed out-of-state physicians may register with board for expedited temporary license. (1)
New Mexico	Encourage physicians to apply for expedited telemedicine license. Also have temporary license to individuals who can provide proof of medical school graduation, passing the USMLE tests, and two years of post-graduate training, but temporarily waives the remaining required documentation including work verification, recommendation letters, specialty board certifications and some licensure verification. (saved in G: drive)
New York	Waive licensure for out of state physicians and NY licensed physicians who are not registered (1) Volunteer physicians may register with ServNY.
North Carolina	Waive licensure requirement for out-of-state physicians. (1)
North Dakota	Waive licensure requirements for out-of-state physicians. Must register with board. (1) Saved in G drive
Ohio	
Oklahoma	Waive licensure requirements for out-of-state physicians licensed by a state party to the Emergency Management Compact. Must apply and receive approval from board. (1) No waiver required for retired physicians who have maintained their license.
Oregon	Administrative Medicine/Inactive/Lapsed/Retired physicians had an active license in good standing and have been in active clinical practice within the last 3 years may apply to have their license reactivated. Licensed out-of-state physicians may apply for temporary license. See order for add’l requirements for both categories. (Board) (Order)
Pennsylvania	Suspend licensure requirements for out-of-state physicians providing. Board to expedite process for temporary license. (1)
Rhode Island	Temporary licenses (90-day) to licensed out-of-state physicians. Must submit application to board. (1)
South Carolina	Medical Board will expedite temporary licensure for out-of-state physicians, within 24 hours. There is no fee for the 90-day temporary license. (1)
South Dakota	
Tennessee	Waive licensure requirements for out-of-state licensed health care providers to assist with the medical response to COVID-19. (1) There is a 3 month grace period for health care professional license and facility license renewals due during this Order. TBI can use name background checks rather than fingerprint checks to check backgrounds of new health care license applicants.
Texas	Expedited temporary license for out-of-state and certain retired physicians. (1)
Utah	
Vermont	
Virginia	Waives licensure requirements for out-of-state health care practitioners licensed in good standing. Must be 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. Waives fee and CME requirements for inactive or retired physicians who held an unrestricted, active license issued by the board within the past 4 years and wishes to reactivate their license. (1)

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Washington	Out-of-state physicians must apply for reciprocity through the IMLC. (1)
West Virginia	Physicians with inactive status with no pending complaints, investigations, Consent orders, Board orders, or pending disciplinary proceedings, or expired less than 5 years ago with no pending complaints, investigations, Consent orders, Board orders, or pending disciplinary proceedings
Wisconsin	
Wyoming	Physicians with a full and unrestricted license in another state may apply to the board through the “consulting exemption.” This is only available to limited specialties. Interested physicians must apply to the Board for approval. (1) Out-of-state physicians providing care to established patients in Wyoming can provide telemedicine services to these patients without a Wyoming license. This is limited to ongoing care not new diagnosis (1)