

**State Emergency Declarations:
Telehealth and Licensure Flexibilities**

State	Executive Order	Established Relationship Language	Expanded Insurance Coverage	Licensure Language	Other Important Language	Specific Focus?
Alabama	Governor Executive Order pursuant to State Code			All health care professionals and assisting personnel executing the alternative-standards-of-care-plans in good faith are hereby declared to be “Emergency Management Workers.” (EO) Any requirement for a license to practice any professional, mechanical, or other skill shall not apply to any authorized emergency management worker who shall, in the course of performing their duties, and shall possess the same privileges they would ordinarily possess if performing their duties in their own state.		
Arizona	Governor Executive Order			Allows Arizona Department of Health Services to waive licensing requirements to provide healthcare officials with assistance in delivering services during times of heightened demand		COVID-19
California	Governor Executive Order			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.		COVID-19
Colorado	Department of Regulatory Agencies, Division		Directing carriers to provide telehealth services to cover COVID-			COVID-19

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	of Insurance Policy Directive		19 related in-network telehealth services at no cost share, including co-pays, deductibles, coinsurance. Emergency regulation formalizing this directive coming soon.			
Delaware	Insurance Commissioner Bulletin to Insurers		Prohibits carriers from excluding a service for coverage solely because the service is provided through telemedicine services. If an in-network provider is not available, the carrier must provide access to an out-of-network provider at the in-network cost-sharing reimbursement level			COVID-19
Florida	Department of Health Declaration of Public Health Emergency			Waive 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 Department of Health. 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 30 days.		COVID-19

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Idaho	Idaho Board of Nursing Comments			Provide temporary licensees to nurses from non-compact states and waive fees, temporary licenses to previously licensed retired/non-practicing Idaho nurses for both in-person or telehealth services		COVID-19
Louisiana	Alluded in Governor Declaration of Emergency			The Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act is referenced, to provide for the temporary appointment, licensing or credentialing of health care providers who are willing to assist in responding to the public health emergency		COVID-19
Maryland	Governor Executive Order			Health care practitioners that hold licenses, certifications, or other permits issued by other states and that demonstrate the meeting of qualifications for professional, mechanical, or other skills, be deemed licensed, certified, or permitted in Maryland to render aid during the state of emergency	A health care practitioner may engage in activities that are not authorized by their license at a health care facility in Maryland if doing so is necessary to allow the health care facility to meet required staffing ratios or otherwise ensure the continued and safe delivery of health care services	COVID-19
Massachusetts	Order to Expand Access to Telehealth Services	Carriers shall not impose prior authorization requirements on medically necessary	All Commercial Health Insurers, BCBSMA, and carriers are required to allow in-network	Expedite processing of reciprocal license applications for nurses licensed in another jurisdiction to be processed in one business day	Carriers cannot impose specific requirements on the technologies used	COVID-19

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	Board of Registration in Nursing	treatment deliver via telehealth related to COVID-19 at in-network providers	providers to deliver clinically appropriate, medically-necessary covered services via telehealth, without cost-sharing		to deliver telehealth services, including any limitations of audio-only or live video technologies	
Mississippi	Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure Proclamation	Until action is taken by the Governor to lift the declared emergency,, the Board of Medical Licensure encourages all physicians to utilize telemedicine and will not enforce any statute, rule or regulation that would require physicians to personally examine patients prior to the issuance of a prescription or order the administration of medication, including controlled substances		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 which they practice.		COVID-19
New Hampshire	Governor Declaration of State Emergency			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 the duration of this emergency		

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New Mexico	Governor Executive Order			The Department of Health and 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		
New York	Governor Directive		Require insurance companies to waive co-pays for telehealth visits for Medicaid beneficiaries		No co-pay for Medicaid covered beneficiaries for COVID-19 testing	COVID-19
North Carolina	Governor Declaration of Emergency			Temporarily waives 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		COVID-19
Ohio	Governor Emergency Orders Ohio Medical Board Telemedicine Guidance	A physician may prescribe a non-controlled substance to a new patient on whom the physician has never conducted a physical examination and who is at a location remote from the physician if the physician can verify the patient's identity and location, interacts with the patient to complete a medical evaluation.		Physicians not licensed in Ohio may <u>not</u> practice medicine in Ohio without first obtaining a telemedicine certificate, which permits the holder to engage in the practice of medicine in Ohio	Ensure that every person in Ohio has access to behavioral health care via telehealth services by landline or cell phone (EO)	Mental Health coverage in COVID-19 emergency
Oregon	Oregon Medical Board			During a state of emergency, the Oregon Medical Board (OMB)		

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				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 an authorization application		
South Carolina	South Carolina Medical Board			South Carolina will issue emergency nursing and medical license 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		
Tennessee	Governor Executive Order			The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-201(20) are suspended to the extent necessary to allow health care professionals who would otherwise be subject to licensing requirements to provide localized treatment of patients in temporary residences.		COVID-19
Texas	Governor Directive Texas Medical Board	TMB temporarily suspended Texas Occupation Code 111.005 (a)-(b) and Title 22, Chapter 174.6 (a)(2)-(3) of the Texas Administrative Code. Telemedicine, including the use of telephone only, may be used to		Fast-tracks temporary licensing of out-of-state medical professionals (physicians, physician assistants, nurses and retired medical personnel) to provide in-person and telemedicine services		COVID-19

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		establish a physician-patient relationship. This expanded use of telemedicine may be used for diagnosis, treatment, ordering of tests, and prescribing for all conditions. The standard of care must be met in all instances				
Washington	Washington Medical Commission Announcement			All volunteers are registered in the volunteer health practitioner system and verified to be in good standing in all states where they are licensed may practice in Washington without obtaining a Washington license once activated and assigned by the Department of Health		
Washington D.C.	Administrative Order to Waive Licensure Requirements for Healthcare Providers			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		