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I News

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New Bill Would Forgive Medical School Debt For COVID-19 Health Workers

A new federal bill ^[FN2] introduced by Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY) on May 5, 2020, proposes to help frontline health care workers with their student loans by cancelling their debt.

The legislation, titled "Student Loan Forgiveness for Frontline Health Workers Act", would establish both a federal and a private loan forgiveness program for student loans taken out to fund tuition to medical and professional training programs.

Health care workers who made significant contributions to COVID-19 patient care, medical research, testing and enhancing the capacity of the health care system to respond to this urgent crisis would be eligible.

Beneficiaries would include doctors, medical residents, medical interns, medical fellows, nurses, home health care workers, mental health professionals, nursing and medical students, lab workers, researchers involved in coronavirus testing/treatment/cure, and emergency medical services workers.

The U.S. Could Fall Short of Physician Demand By More Than 139,000 Doctors

A report ^[FN3] from the Association of American Medical Colleges indicates a projected physician shortage in the United States. There could be anywhere from 54,000-139,000 fewer doctors in the U.S. by 2033, according to the report. Medical specialties, including surgical specialties, could also experience a deficit of more than 86,000 physicians in the next 13 years. If communities that currently have trouble accessing medical care can gain access at equal rates as more privileged communities, physician demand could increase by an additional 145,500. An aging workforce continues to be the primary driver for the shortfall, the report suggests, as more than 40% of current physicians will be 65 or older within the next decade.

This 2020 update was prepared before the COVID-19 crisis, so although it does not include any specific information or scenarios based on that crisis, it does include some lessons learned from the pandemic and critical shortages of health workers.

II Selected Legislation

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Alaska

2019 AK [S.B. 241](#) (NS), enacted and effective April 9, 2020, adopts uncodified section allowing the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing director or a relevant board, during the public health emergency, to grant a license, permit or certificate on an expedited basis to an individual who holds a corresponding license in another jurisdiction. The boards, commissions and director may take additional action as necessary to protect public health, including temporarily waiving or modifying continuing education requirements; regulating the scope and duration of licenses; not increasing licensing fees; and arranging for supervision of licensees. Professionals who come to Alaska to work under one of these licenses must comply with CDC travel guidelines. Adopts uncodified section providing that during the emergency declaration and limited to actions related to COVID-19, licensing is waived for health care providers who provide treatment, diagnosis, or prescribe prescriptions (other than controlled substances), and who do not first conduct



an in-person exam, for telemedicine and telehealth. Providers must be in good standing in their jurisdiction and practicing within their scope of license. The amount charged for telehealth must be reasonable and customary and may not exceed 5 percent of the regular fee for the service provided. The Department of Health and Social Services commissioner may waive regulations or laws that would substantially prevent provision of telehealth services.

Arizona

2020 AZ H.B. 2408 (NS), introduced January 27, 2020, providing that a health care provider may receive one hour of continuing education credit for each hour of free medical services the health care provider provides to eligible patients, up to a maximum of eight continuing education credits per licensure period.

Colorado

2020 CO H.B. 1326 (NS), enacted and effective June 25, 2020, creating the Occupational Credential Portability Program in the Division of Professions and Occupations in the Department of Regulatory Agencies to centralize the credentialing of individuals licensed in another state.

District of Columbia

2019 DC L.B. 434 (NS), enacted and effective March 23, 2020, adopts DC CODE ? 2-1402.91 (Definitions) and DC CODE ? 2-1402.92 (Prohibited discrimination) in new DC CODE D. I, T. 2, Ch. 14, Subch. II, Part J, Health Care Professionals, prohibiting employment discrimination against health care professionals based on the health care professional's participation in, or willingness to participate in, an abortion or sterilization procedure.

Florida

2020 FL H.B. 1193 (NS), enacted June 30, 2020, effective July 1, 2020, specifying that the failure to repay student loans is not considered a failure to perform a statutory or legal obligation for which disciplinary action can be taken

Louisiana

2020 LA H.B. 498 (NS), enacted June 11, 2020, effective June 30, 2020, adopts [LA R.S. 37:23.4](#) (Waiver of licensing fees; payment plans) providing for the waiver of licensing or examination fees for certain qualifying individuals by licensing boards that directly administer their own examinations. Also establishes payment plans in lieu of full license and examination fee payments for initial applications and examinations to all individuals who apply, except for an individual who applies for a certificate of license who would otherwise be unqualified pursuant to Title 37 (Professions and Occupations).

2020 LA H.B. 613 (NS), enacted June 11, 2020, effective January 1, 2020, updating the requirements for a professional or occupational licensing board to issue a license, certification or registration to a member of the military, including United States Department of Defense civilian employees, or an applicant who is married to or is a dependent of a member of the military or a United States Department of Defense civilian employee. Provides for the appeal of certain decisions by the board. Provides exclusions.

Maryland

2020 MD S.B. 402 (NS) and 2020 MD H.B. 448 (NS) enacted and effective April 3, 2020, adopts MD HEALTH OCCUP ?? 1-1001 through 1-1006 to be under the new 'Subtitle 10. Telehealth,' authorizing a health care practitioner to establish a practitioner-patient relationship through a telehealth interaction under specified circumstances. A health care practitioner providing telehealth services must (1) be held to the same standards of practice applicable to in-person health care settings; (2) provide or refer a patient to in-person health care services or another type of telehealth service, if clinically appropriate; (3) perform a clinical evaluation before providing treatment or issuing a prescription through telehealth; (4) document in a patient's medical record the health care services provided through telehealth; and (5) be licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized by law to provide health care services in the State if the health care services are being provided to a patient located in the State. A health care practitioner may not prescribe a Schedule II opiate for the treatment of pain through telehealth unless the individual receiving the prescription is in a specified health care facility or the Governor has declared a state of emergency due to a catastrophic health emergency.

2020 MD H.B. 663 (NS), enacted May 8, 2020, effective October 1, 2020, providing that various dental and medical licenses may be denied, suspended or revoked for failing to comply with requirements of the prescription drug monitoring program.

2020 MD H.B. 259 (NS), enacted May 8, 2020, effective July 1, 2020, providing that health occupations boards and disciplinary panels may not reprimand a licensee or certificate holder, place a licensee or certificate holder on probation, or suspend or revoke the license of a licensee or the certificate of a certificate holder solely on the basis of the licensee's or certificate holder's use of a diagnostic evaluation or treatment of a patient that is integrative, complementary, alternative, or nonconventional, including in the treatment of Lyme disease or tick-borne illnesses.

Michigan

2019 MI H.B. 4990 (NS), enacted and effective October 22, 2020, amends [MI ST 333.16221](#) (Grounds for disciplinary subcommittee action; investigation) to add a subdivision (z) to include a violation of section 24507 or 24509 in Article 18 (Surprise Medical Billing) to the list of items that are grounds for disciplinary action.



New Hampshire

2019 NH H.B. 1240 (NS), enacted and effective July 20, 2020, adopts NH ST ? 310-A:1-f (Temporary Licensing Process; Rulemaking) providing for temporary licenses for out-of-state health care professionals who present evidence of an active license in good standing from another jurisdiction. Provides that temporary licenses shall be valid for 120 days, or until the board, council, or commission takes action on an application for full licensure, whichever happens first.

New Jersey

2018 NJ A.B. 5037 (NS), enacted January 13, 2020, effective July 12, 2020, adopts uncodified section providing that any pharmacist or other health care professional who is charged with an offense in violation of a new section related to counterfeit drugs shall promptly notify the applicable licensing board of the pending charge; and the failure to provide this prompt notice shall be deemed grounds for disciplinary action. Provides that upon conviction for violating this offense, the CDS registration of the pharmacist or other health care professional shall be revoked for a period of not less than five years and that the professional's certification or license shall be revoked by the applicable licensing board for a period of time to be determined by that board. Defines 'Health care professional' as a professional licensed pursuant to NJ ST 45 (Professions and Occupations) to provide a health care service to a patient including, but not limited to: a licensed physician, advanced practice nurse, nurse, pharmacist, psychologist, psychiatrist, psychoanalyst, clinical social worker, physician assistant, professional counselor, dentist, orthotist, prosthetist, respiratory therapist, speech pathologist, audiologist, optometrist, veterinarian, or any other health care professional acting within the scope of a valid license or certification issued pursuant to NJ ST 45 (Professions and Occupations).

2020 NJ S.B. 845 (NS), introduced January 14, 2020, requires health care professional licensing boards to utilize the National Practitioner Data Bank. The National Practitioner Data Bank is a web-based repository of reports containing information on medical malpractice payments and certain adverse actions related to health care professionals. The data bank is maintained by the United States Department of Health and Human Services to prevent health care professionals from moving from state to state without discovery of prior bad acts.

2020 NJ A.B. 3860 (NS), enacted and effective March 19, 2020, provides that, for the duration of the public health emergency declared in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), any health care practitioner will be authorized to provide and bill for services using telemedicine and telehealth, regardless of whether rules and regulations concerning the practice of telemedicine and telehealth have been adopted pursuant to the 'Administrative Procedure Act,' P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

2020 NJ [S.B. 2378](#) (NS), introduced May 4, 2020, establishes loan redemption program for health care professionals who provide health care services or health care-related administrative services at approved sites during COVID-19 pandemic.

North Carolina

2019 NC H.B. 1105 (NS), enacted September 4, 2020, effective August 1, 2020, adopts uncodified sections to authorize state agencies to exercise regulatory flexibility during the coronavirus emergency. Defines 'Coronavirus', 'Coronavirus emergency' and 'State agency'. Provides that if a State agency determines that, due to the impacts of the coronavirus, it is in the public interest, including the public health, safety, and welfare and the economic well-being of the citizens and businesses of the State, the agency shall:

- (1) Delay the collection, or modify the method of collection, of any fees, fines, or late payments assessed by the agency under its statutes, including the accrual of interest associated with any fees, fines, or late payments.
- (2) Delay the renewal dates of permits, licenses, and other similar certifications, registrations, and authorizations issued by the agency pursuant to its statutes.
- (3) Delay or modify any educational or examination requirements implemented by the agency pursuant to its statutes.

Pennsylvania

2019 PA S.B. 637 (NS), enacted and effective July 1, 2020, requiring a licensee to report to the appropriate licensing board or commission within 30 days certain disciplinary actions and criminal proceedings; allows disciplinary action for failure to report; providing for temporary suspension of a license, certificate, registration, or permit when there is an immediate and clear danger to the public health and safety; and establishes procedures for a hearing and provides for restoration of the license, certificate, registration, or permit.

South Dakota

2020 SD S.B. 23 (NS), enacted February 19, 2020, effective July 1, 2020, to the remove high school graduation or equivalent requirement for EMTS, RN and pharmacist licensees.

Utah

• 2020 UT H.B. 285 (NS), enacted March 24, 2020, effective May 12, 2020, adopts UT ST ? 58-4a-102 (Definitions); UT ST ? 58-4a-105 (Program contract); UT ST ? 58-4a-106 (Effect on other disciplinary proceedings) and UT ST ? 58-4a-107 (Violation of a program contract?Adjudicative proceedings?Penalties) establishing criteria for the Utah Professionals Health Program, which provides an alternative to public disciplinary action for licensees who have substance use disorders, including pharmacists, nurses, dental professionals and physicians.



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- 2020 UT S.B. 201 (NS), enacted March 28, 2020, effective May 12, 2020, establishing criteria for the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL) to follow when determining whether to refuse to issue or renew licenses based on an applicant's criminal history; and providing examples of what is not considered evidence of engaging in unprofessional conduct.
- 2020 UT H.B. 87 (NS), enacted March 28, 2020, effective May 12, 2020, provides that the department may provide education loan repayment assistance to an eligible professional if the eligible professional: (a) agrees to practice in an underserved area for the duration of the eligible professional's participation in the program; and (b) submits a written commitment from the health care facility employing the eligible professional that the health care facility will provide education loan repayment assistance to the eligible professional in an amount equal to 20% of the total award amount provided to the eligible professional.

Vermont

2019 VT H.B. 742 (NS), enacted and effective March 30, 2020, providing, that during a declared state of emergency in Vermont as a result of COVID-19, the Secretary of Human Services may waive or permit variances from the certain listed State rules and standards governing providers of health care services and human services; establishes the requirements, for a health care professional, including a mental health professional, who holds a valid license, certificate, or registration to provide health care services in any other U.S. jurisdiction to be deemed licensed, certified, or registered to provide health care services, including mental health services, to a patient located in Vermont using telehealth or as part of the staff of a licensed facility; and establishing the requirements, for a former health care professional, including a mental health professional, who retired not more than three years earlier with the individual's Vermont license, certificate, or registration in good standing to provide health care services, including mental health services, to a patient located in Vermont using telehealth or as part of the staff of a licensed facility.

Virginia

2020 VA H.B. 967 (NS) and 2020 VA S.B. 981 (NS), enacted March 2, 2020, and effective July 1, 2020, provides for the expedited issuance of credentials to the spouses of military service members who are (i) ordered to federal active duty under Title 10 of the United States Code or (ii) veterans who have left active duty service within one year of the submission of an application to a board if the spouse accompanies the service member to Virginia or an adjoining state or the District of Columbia. Also provides that a board may waive any requirement relating to experience if the board determines that the documentation provided by the applicant supports such a waiver

Dentist and Allied Personnel

California

2019 CA S.B. 653 (NS), enacted September 24, 2020, effective January 1, 2020, authorizing a registered dental hygienist to provide dental hygiene preventive services and oral screenings at a sponsored event by a sponsoring entity or at a nonprofit organization; authorizing a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice to practice in specified clinics or in a professional corporation without being an employee of that clinic or professional corporation; updating the settings where a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice may perform authorized duties to include medical settings that a residential facility patient has been transferred to for outpatient services and dental offices; providing the settings where a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice may perform authorized duties with documented consultation with a collaborating dentist; and authorizing a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice to perform specified duties in dental or medical settings and dental health professional shortage areas.

Georgia

2019 GA H.B. 521 (NS), enacted and effective July 16, 2020, adopts GA ST ? 43-11-53 relating to licenses for the practice of dentistry. Establishes requirements for temporary, limited licenses for dentists and dental hygienists licensed in good standing in other states to provide free dental care to low-income patients in Georgia on a volunteer basis. Requires direct supervision by at least 1 Georgia licensed dentist in good standing who possesses an unrestricted license to practice in Georgia. Provides that a dentist may not supervise more than 4 non-Georgia licensed dentists or 4 non-Georgia licensed dental hygienists at a charitable dental event. Requires the hosting entity of the charitable dental event to provide notice to the board.

Louisiana

2020 LA H.B. 836 (NS), enacted and effective June 12, 2020, allowing the Board, during the state of emergency declared by Proclamation Number 59-JBE-2020, to waive or modify the requirements for any national, regional, or independent third-party clinical examination that includes procedures performed on human subjects.

2020 LA H.B. 363 (NS), enacted June 11, 2020, effective August 1, 2020, adopts [LA R.S. 37:764.1](#) (Retired volunteer dental hygienist license; issuance; applicant's requirements; limitation of liability; denial; violations; status change; continuing education) establishing the requirements for a retired volunteer dental hygienist license.

New Mexico

2020 NM H.B. 261 (NS), introduced January 28, 2020, authorizing the New Mexico board of dental health care to issue a New Mexico dentistry license to an applicant who holds a license, or who has obtained education or training, from another country that has licensure, education and training requirements that are at least equivalent to those of New Mexico.



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Oregon

2020 OR S.B. 1549 (NS), prefiled January 27, 2020, directs Oregon Board of Dentistry to issue dental therapist license to qualified applicant. Prohibits unlicensed use of title 'dental therapist' and practice of dental therapy. Provides exceptions to prohibition. Adds dental therapist member to board.

Tennessee

2019 TN S.B. 2017 (NS), enacted June 22, 2020, effective July 1, 2020, providing that a dentist may supervise, under direct supervision, no more than 10 dental hygienists while the dentist and each hygienist is providing dental services on a volunteer basis through a nonprofit provider of free mobile clinics in Tennessee.

Utah

2020 UT S.B. 135 (NS), enacted March 28, 2020, effective May 12, 2020, establishing the requirements for the use of teledentistry; establishing the standard of care required for the practice of teledentistry; and requiring a license to engage in the practice of teledentistry.

Nursing

Colorado

2020 CO H.B. 1216 (NS), enacted June 30, 2020, effective July 1, 2020, authorizing the board to enter into a confidential agreement to limit practice with a nurse who has a health condition that affects the ability of the nurse to practice safely; modifying grounds for disciplining a nurse; and eliminating the age limit and the requirement to be retired for a nurse to obtain a volunteer license.

Federal

2019 CONG US HR 6650, introduced May 1, 2020, the "Health Heroes 2020 Act", to address health workforce shortages and disparities highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic through additional funding for the National Health Service Corps and Nurse Corps.

Idaho

2020 ID H.B. 485 (NS), introduced February 11, 2020, adds to existing law to establish a student loan compensation program for nurses employed at Idaho state veterans homes.

New Mexico

2020 NM H.B. 68 (NS), filed December 20, 2019, an act relating to health care; enacting the Patient Safe Staffing Act; requiring hospitals to establish nursing staffing committees and further requiring hospitals to implement the staffing plans and levels developed by the nursing staffing committees for all hospital nursing units; giving a nurse the right to refuse an assignment under certain circumstances; requiring hospitals to post and report their daily hospital nursing unit patient census and staffing levels; requiring hospitals to keep all records related to staffing and nursing staffing committees' records for no less than ten years; providing the department of health with the responsibility of posting hospital reports on the department of health's website for consumers; authorizing the department of health to enforce compliance with the patient safe staffing act through penalties and corrective action; authorizing the department of health to promulgate rules to implement the patient safe staffing act; requiring that all records held by the department of health related to hospitals' nursing staffing committees and plans developed by nursing staffing committees be considered public records under the laws of New Mexico relative to the inspection of public records act; providing whistleblower protection to employees who file a grievance or complaint under the patient safe staffing act.

Pharmacist

California

2019 CA A.B. 1710 (NS), enacted September 24, 2020, effective January 1, 2020, providing that a pharmacist may independently initiate and administer any COVID-19 vaccines approved or authorized by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA), or vaccines listed on the routine immunization schedules recommended by the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), in compliance with individual ACIP vaccine recommendations, and published by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for persons three years of age and older.

Colorado

2020 CO H.B. 1061 (NS), enacted and effective July 13, 2020, allowing a pharmacist to prescribe and dispense HIV infection prevention drugs pursuant to a standing order or a statewide protocol if the pharmacist fulfills specific requirements. Also, directs the state board of pharmacy, the Colorado medical board, and the state board of nursing, in collaboration with the department of public health and environment, to develop statewide drug therapy protocols for pharmacists to prescribe and dispense HIV infection prevention drugs.

Florida

2020 FL H.B. 389 (NS), enacted March 11, 2020, effective July 1, 2020, adopts FL ST ? 465.1865 (Collaborative pharmacy practice for chronic health conditions) providing requirements for pharmacists to provide services under a collaborative pharmacy practice



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agreement. Requires a pharmacist who practices under a collaborative pharmacy practice agreement to complete an 8-hour continuing education course approved by the board that addresses issues related to collaborative pharmacy practice each biennial licensure renewal. Also adopts FL ST ? 465.1895 (Testing or screening for and treatment of minor, nonchronic health conditions) providing requirements for a pharmacist to test or screen for and treat minor, nonchronic health conditions. Requires a pharmacist to complete a 3-hour continuing education course approved by the board addressing issues related to minor, nonchronic health conditions each biennial licensure renewal.

2020 FL H.B. 115 (NS), enacted June 29, 2020, effective July 1, 2020, prohibiting a state authority from denying a license, refusing to renew a license, or suspending or revoking a license on the basis of a delinquency or default in the payment of his or her student loan.

Georgia

2019 GA H.B. 463 (NS), enacted and effective June 30, 2020, providing that each licensing entity shall notify the delinquent obligor by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery of the date that the license has been denied or suspended.

Illinois

2019 IL S.B. 2104 (NS), enacted December 20, 2019, effective January 1, 2020, striking language providing functions that a registered pharmacy technician may perform and provides that a registered pharmacy technician may be delegated to perform any task within the practice of pharmacy if specifically trained for that task, except for patient counseling, drug regimen review, or clinical conflict resolution. Also updates the causes for disciplinary action to include provisions related to: using advertisements or making solicitations; failing to provide a working environment for all pharmacy personnel that protects the health, safety, and welfare of a patient; and providing an incentive for or inducing the transfer of a prescription for a patient absent a professional rationale.

New Jersey

2020 NJ S.B. 2436 (NS), enacted and effective September 30, 2020, establishes the requirements to authorize pharmacists to order and cause to be administered tests for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) or COVID-19 antibodies.

New York

2019 NY S.B. 8182 (NS), enacted June 17, 2020, effective September 15, 2020, authorizing a licensed physician to prescribe and order a patient specific order or non-patient specific regimen to a licensed pharmacist to administer an approved vaccine for COVID-19.

Ohio

2019 OH H.B. 341 (NS), enacted September 16, 2020, effective December 16, 2020, requiring the state board of pharmacy to develop a program to educate license holders, pharmacy technicians, and certain employees about the authority of a pharmacist or pharmacy intern to dispense naloxone without a prescription and about maintaining an adequate supply of naloxone and methods for determining a pharmacy's stock of the drug.

South Carolina

2019 SC H.B. 4663 (NS), enacted and effective September 28, 2020, to allow pharmacists to administer influenza vaccines to persons under twelve pursuant to protocol issued by the Board of Medical Examiners upon recommendation of the Joint Pharmacist Administered Vaccines Committee.

Utah

2020 UT H.B. 172 (NS), filed January 22, 2020, permits a pharmacist, or a pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician who is directly supervised by a pharmacist, to administer Tamiflu.

Physician

Indiana

2020 IN H.B. 1110 (NS), first reading January 9, 2020, establishes the following: (1) The health workforce student loan repayment program (program). (2) The health workforce council (council). (3) The health workforce student loan repayment program fund (fund) for the purpose of providing funds to repay outstanding student loans of certain health providers who meet the program requirements. Provides that the professional licensing agency (agency) shall, in coordination with the council, administer the program. Establishes: (1) the imposition of fees at the time a license is issued or renewed for certain health profession licenses; and (2) qualifications to receive a student loan repayment award under the program. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2021: (1) each board may award loan repayment to an eligible applicant who is a provider licensed by the board; and (2) the council may award loan repayment to an eligible applicant who is an eligible provider. Requires, not later than July 1, 2022, and not later than July 1 every two years thereafter, the agency to submit a report concerning the program and fund to the governor and the general assembly. Provides that money from the fund is continuously appropriated. Repeals provisions concerning the following: (1) The primary care physician loan forgiveness program. (2) The mental health services development programs. (3) The dental underserved area and minority recruitment program.

Iowa

2019 IA S.F. 2011 (NS), introduced January 13, 2020, an act relating to loan repayment for refinanced eligible loans under the rural physician loan repayment program.



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Kentucky

2020 KY H.B. 135 (NS), enacted March 27, 2020, and effective July 14, 2020, requiring a supervising physician to prohibit a physician assistant from dispensing controlled substances. Clarifies that a supervising physician must prohibit a physician assistant prescribing or administering controlled substances, except as provided in KY ST ? 311.858 (Services and procedures that may be performed by physician assistant; restrictions).

Louisiana

2020 LA S.B. 27 (NS), enacted October 28, 2020, effective July 1, 2021, providing that any person who wishes to practice medicine shall be a citizen of the United States or possess valid and current legal authority to reside and work in the United States duly issued by the commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the United States under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act and its regulations.

New York

2019 NY A.B. 7991 (NS), enacted and effective October 7, 2020, requires all physicians' practice settings to conspicuously post signage, visible to their patients, directing such patients to the office of professional medical conduct's website for information about their rights and how to report professional misconduct.

Oklahoma

2019 OK [S.B. 1525](#) (NS), enacted and effective May 21, 2020, granting the Board the exclusive power and authority to determine the qualifications and fitness of all applicants for admission to practice medicine in Oklahoma. Requires each applicant to submit to a national criminal history record check and prohibits the Board from disseminating criminal history record information resulting from the background check outside of Oklahoma.

Utah

2020 UT H.B. 341 (NS), enacted March 24, 2020, and effective May 12, 2020, increasing the maximum number of years an individual may be licensed as an associate physician to 6 years up from 4 years.

Vermont

2019 VT H.B. 607 (NS), introduced January 7, 2020, this bill proposes to increase the primary care workforce in Vermont by providing tuition waivers for medical students who choose to practice primary care in an underserved area of the State, creating a recruitment program for medical students likely to pursue primary care, directing that a certain portion of State graduate medical education funding must go to family physician residency positions, and creating income tax credits for primary care providers who practice in a rural, underserved area of the State for at least five years.

2019 VT S.B. 233 (NS), enacted September 23, 2020, effective April 1, 2020, updating the requirements for the endorsement process for physician licensure. Provides that the process may not require more than three years of practice in good standing in another jurisdiction within the United States, regardless of whether that jurisdiction has licensing requirements substantially equal to those of Vermont. Requires the applicant to meet one of the following postgraduate training requirements: (1) A graduate of a U.S. or Canadian medical school accredited by a body that is acceptable to the Board shall have successfully completed at least two years of postgraduate training in a U.S. or Canadian program accredited by an organization that is acceptable to the Board; or (2) A graduate of a Board-approved medical school outside the United States or Canada shall have successfully completed at least three years of postgraduate training in a U.S. or Canadian program accredited by an organization that is acceptable to the Board. Provides that if the Board determines that three years of demonstrated practice in another specific jurisdiction is not adequately protective of the public, it shall provide its rationale to the Commissioner, who may propose any necessary statutory or rule amendments in order to implement more restrictive requirements for endorsement for that jurisdiction. Also provides that the Board may issue to an endorsement applicant a waiver of the practice requirement if there is a showing that the waiver follows State policy and the public is adequately protected.

2020 VT H.B. 607 (NS), enacted October 5, 2020, effective November 1, 2020, to establish a primary care physician scholarship program. The scholarships shall cover the medical school tuition for up to five third-year and up to five fourth-year medical students annually who commit to practicing primary care in a rural area of this State or in a Vermont federally qualified health center's service area, in a setting or practice not owned by an academic medical center.

Virginia

2020 VA H.B. 115 (NS), enacted March 8, 2020, effective March 10, 2020, providing that, absent evidence indicating a reasonable probability that a health care professional who is a participant in a professional program to address issues related to career fatigue or wellness is not competent to continue in practice or is a danger to himself, his patients, or the public, participation in such a professional program does not trigger the requirement that the health care professional be reported to the Department of Health Professions. Also clarifies the persons and entities that are subject to the reporting requirements.

2020 VA H.B. 1251 (NS), enacted April 10, 2020, and effective January 1, 2020, to add engaging in a pattern of violations of VA ST ? 38.2-3445.01 (Balance billing for certain services; prohibited) to the list of items considered unprofessional conduct.

Interstate Licensing Compacts



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Florida

2020 FL H.B. 1143 (NS), introduced January 7, 2020, to implement the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

Illinois

2019 IL [S.B. 3067](#) (NS), filed February 5, 2020, ratifies and approves the Nurse Licensure Compact, which allows for the issuance of multistate licenses that allow nurses to practice in their home state and other compact states. Provides that the Compact does not supersede existing State labor laws. Provides that the State may not share with or disclose to the Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators or any other state any of the contents of a nationwide criminal history records check conducted for the purpose of multistate licensure under the Nurse Licensure Compact.

Indiana

2020 IN [S.B. 61](#) (NS), enacted March 11, 2020, effective July 1, 2020, implements the emergency medical services personnel licensure interstate compact.

Louisiana

2020 LA S.B. 27 (NS), enacted October 28, 2020, effective July 1, 2021, adopts [LA R.S. 37:1310.1](#) (Interstate Medical Licensure Compact; adoption) providing for the adoption of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact in order to provide a streamlined process for physicians to become licensed in multiple states and enhance the portability of a medical license.

New York

2019 NY S.B. 7732 (NS), introduced February 11, 2020, enacts the interstate medical licensure compact; provides a streamlined process that allows physicians to become licensed in multiple participating states, thereby enhancing the portability of a medical license and ensuring the safety of patients.

Oklahoma

2019 OK H.B. 4125 (NS), introduced February 3, 2020, provides that a multistate license issued pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact shall not exceed the scope of the license issued by a party state.

Rhode Island

2019 RI H.B. 7395 (NS), introduced January 31, 2020, to amend the nurse licensure compact and adopts an enhanced version of the act, to allow nurses to hold a multi-state license which would allow them to practice across state lines without having to obtain multiple licenses.

Utah

2020 UT H.B. 161 (NS), enacted March 31, 2020, and effective May 12, 2020, enacts the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

Wyoming

2020 WY S.F. 87 (NS), enacted March 24, 2020, effective July 1, 2020, adopting the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact; providing for participation in and administration of the compact; authorizing the interstate practice of audiology and speech-language pathology pursuant to the compact; and providing for fingerprinting and background checks of license applicants and license renewals.

II Selected Regulation

General Healthcare Worker Oversight

Federal

[85 FR 19392-02](#), published April 7, 2020, this notification is to inform the public that the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is exercising its discretion in how it applies the Privacy Rule under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). As a matter of enforcement discretion, effective immediately, the HHS Office for Civil Rights (OCR) will exercise its enforcement discretion and will not impose potential penalties for violations of certain provisions of the HIPAA Privacy Rule against covered health care providers or their business associates for uses and disclosures of protected health information by business associates for public health and health oversight activities during the COVID-19 nationwide public health emergency.

Nebraska

2020 NE REG TEXT 532508 (NS), published September 16, 2020, effective September 15, 2020, amends 172 NE ADC Ch. 5 (Mandatory Reporting by Health Care Professionals, Facilities, Peer Review Organizations, Professional Associations, and Insurers) to update the manner and method in which health care professionals, health care facilities, peer review organizations, and professional associations must report actions or conduct which may violate laws or regulations governing health care professionals who are licensed, certified, or registered by the Department.



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Oklahoma

2020 OK REG TEXT 558681 (NS), published July 1, 2020, effective June 12, 2020, adopts, on an emergency basis, [OK ADC 1:2020-20A](#) (Declaration of an Emergency Caused by the Threat of COVID-19 to the People of This State and the Public's Peace, Health, and Safety) allowing occupational licenses that expire during the state emergency to be extended until 14 days following the withdrawal or termination of the state of emergency.

2020 OK REG TEXT 559956 (NS), published July 15, 2020, effective May 14, 2020, adopts [OK ADC 310:2-3-8](#) (Pandemic emergency rules) to establish the requirements to allow the Department during the COVID-19 emergency: to extend renewal deadlines for any occupational or professional license, certificate, permit, or registration issued by the Department; to extend renewal deadlines for any organization, establishment, facility, shop, or premises license, certificate, permit or registration; to waive any late, delinquent, penalty, or expiration fees associated with any license, certificate, permit or registration; to suspend in-person skills testing, certification, re-certification and continuing education requirements; to extend completion deadlines for any initial or pending license, certificate, permit, or registration; to waive, suspend or defer inspection requirements for current, extended or initial applications for any organization, establishment, facility, shop, premises license, certificate, permit, or registration issued by the Department; to reduce or waive certain staffing and supervisory requirements; to allow for provisional approval of a license without fingerprinting; and provide additional requirements for certain emergency medical personnel applicants.

Oregon

2020 OR REG TEXT 550913 (NS), published April 1, 2020, effective March 26, 2020, adopts OR ADC 331-030-0035 (COVID-19 Continuing Education Hours Obtained March 18, 2020 - September 13, 2020) allowing various health professional licensees and registrants to acquire required continuing education through remote means.

2020 OR REG TEXT 556526 (NS), published June 1, 2020, effective May 15, 2020, adopts OR ADC 331-020-0078 (COVID-19 Compliance with Executive Orders and Guidance Required) providing that in the event of a disaster or emergency declared by the Governor of Oregon and during the declared disaster or emergency, unprofessional conduct under OR ST ? 676.612 (Disciplinary authority of Health Licensing Office; prohibited acts; fingerprint request; modification of probation; reinstatement), includes, but is not limited to, failure to comply with an Executive Order issued by the Governor or failure to comply with state agency guidance applicable to the time and location where the authorization holder performs services.

2020 OR REG TEXT 561183 (NS), published September 2, 2020, effective September 1, 2020, adopts [OR ADC 331-030-0036](#) (Continuing Education Hours Obtained During COVID-19 State of Emergency) providing, that in the event of a disaster or emergency declared by the Governor of Oregon due to the public health threat posed by COVID-19, during and 60 days after the declared disaster or emergency ends, all authorization holders may obtain all required continuing education hours through online courses, remote access, webinars, or self-study. The subject matter of the continuing education hours must meet the requirements set forth in each individual profession's continuing education rules.

2020 OR REG TEXT 567141 (NS), published November 25, 2020, effective December 2, 2020, adopts [OR ADC 331-020-0079](#) (Compliance with Executive Orders and Guidance Required) clarifying what constitutes unprofessional conduct by Health Licensing Office authorization holders for not following the guidance from the Governor's Office during a declared state of emergency.

Utah

2020 UT REG TEXT 541140 (NS), published February 1, 2020, effective January 9, 2020, adopts UT ADC R156-1-601 (Suicide Prevention Video - Primary Care Provider) to establish the requirements related to a suicide prevention video including the requirements for a primary care provider to fulfill up to ten of their CPE hours by viewing the videos.

Dentist and Allied Personnel

Alabama

2020 AL REG TEXT 543967 (NS), published February 28, 2020, effective April 23, 2020, updating continuing education requirements for dentists and dental hygienists. Requires dentists to achieve a minimum of one hour in the subject of infectious disease control every two years; one hour in the subject of prescribing controlled substances every two years; and dentists who hold an Oral Conscious Sedation Permit must also complete a minimum of two hours in the subject of sedation and/or anesthesia every two years. Requires dental hygienists to achieve a minimum of one hour in the subject of infectious disease control every two years. Also provides that one hour of continuing education credit shall be awarded for every two, instead of four, hours of pro bono charitable service performed. Requires licensees to retain certificates of attendance for 4 years rather than 2 and requires CE course providers seeking Board approval to provide materials two months in advance of presenting a course.

2020 AL REG TEXT 564497 (NS), published November 30, 2020, effective January 14, 2021, providing that any instance of dishonesty of any kind in any way related to the Alabama Dental Hygiene Program (ADHP) shall result in dismissal from the program. Provides the Board may limit the number of participants to ensure adequate function and integrity of the ADHP. Requires an applicant for the ADHP to be at least 19 instead of 18 and defines 'Board approved employment'. Also removes requirements related to temporary ADHP Instructor Certificates and makes other clarifying and conforming changes.

Alaska



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2020 AK REG TEXT 534329 (NS), published February 5, 2020, effective March 5, 2020, adding that not more than eight hours of continuing education taken through the internet in a 24-hour period may apply to meet the continuing education hours required by [12 AK ADC 28.400](#) (Continuing education requirements for dentistry and dental hygienists licensees). Also provides that an applicant for renewal of a dental hygienist endorsement to perform restorative functions must submit a renewal application, renewal fee and documentation of successful completion of two hours of continuing education relating to materials or techniques used for the restoration of teeth.

2020 AK REG TEXT 549871 (NS), published July 9, 2020, effective August 8, 2020, adding that certain continuing education requirements must be completed during the concluding licensing period.

2020 AK REG TEXT 555127 (NS), published September 5, 2020, effective October 4, 2020, updating the examination requirements to repeal the patient-based periodontics testing; revise the constructive response testing to include objective structured clinical examination testing and require diagnosis and treatment planning, periodontics, restorative dentistry, oral pathology, medical considerations, prescription writing and prosthodontics; and allow for a mannequin-based examination if taken before December 31, 2020. Provides that a dentist who holds a federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration number must register with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) controlled substance prescription database not later than 30 days after initial licensure or registration with the DEA, whichever is later, and comply with the requirements of AK ST ? 17.30.200 (Controlled substance prescription database) and [12 AK ADC 52.865](#) (Reporting and reviewing PDMP information).

2020 AK REG TEXT 564582 (NS), published November 23, 2020, effective December 20, 2020, amends [12 AK ADC 28.935](#) (Dental hygienist licensure by examination) clarifying that an applicant must submit a copy of the applicant's certificate of examination showing the applicant has passed, within the 5 years immediately preceding the date of application, a patient based clinical examination approved by the Board that requires calibration of examiners, requires anonymity between candidates and grading examiners, and tests the ability of the applicant to practice dental hygiene and utilize professional judgment. Requires the clinical examination to include extraoral and intraoral assessment, radiographic evaluation, periodontal assessment, subgingival calculus detection and removal, and tissue management.

Arkansas

2020 AR REG TEXT 553149 (NS), published August 15, 2020, effective August 3, 2020, adopts [AR ADC 007.33.4-XXIII](#) (Pre-Licensure Criminal Background Check) establishing the requirements for an individual to petition for pre-licensure determination of whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify the individual from licensure and whether a waiver may be obtained.

Colorado

2019 CO REG TEXT 536781 (NS), published December 10, 2019, effective December 30, 2019, requires dentists and dental hygienists to complete one hour of training related to opiate prescribing and substance use disorders as a condition of renewal, reactivation, or reinstating licensure.

2020 CO REG TEXT 555129 (NS), published May 25, 2020, effective May 1, 2020, Adopts [3 CO ADC 709-1:1.27](#) (Temporary Licensure of Dentists and Dental Hygienists pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order D 2020 038) authorizing the Board to issue a temporary license to an applicant that is a new graduate of an approved dental program or dental hygienist program who meets all qualifications for licensure with the exception of successful completion of the required examination.

2020 CO REG TEXT 557199 (NS), published June 10, 2020, effective May 11, 2020, adopts [3 CO ADC 709-1:1.28](#) (Expanded Scope of Practice for Dentists pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order D 2020 038) providing the criteria to allow dentists to perform services while working in a hospital or inpatient facility as delegated by physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, certified registered nurse anesthetists, professional nurses and respiratory therapists due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2020 CO REG TEXT 566818 (NS), published October 10, 2020, effective September 9, 2020, adopts [3 CO ADC 709-1:1.28](#) (Expanded Scope of Practice for Dentists pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order D 2020 158) providing the criteria to allow dentists to perform services while working in a hospital or inpatient facility as delegated by physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, certified registered nurse anesthetists, professional nurses and respiratory therapists due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Delaware

2020 DE REG TEXT 550849 (NS), published August 1, 2020, effective August 11, 2020, allowing the Board to grant one hour of continuing education credits for each hour of patient service, up to specified maximums, to dentists and dental hygienists who perform volunteer pro bono services. Also adds the American Academy of Dental Hygiene to the list of approved continuing professional education providers.

District of Columbia

2020 DC REG TEXT 539138 (NS), published and effective February 28, 2020, adding continuing education in public health priorities as determined and amended from time to time by the Director, reducing the required number of continuing education in ethics, and limiting the number of internet continuing education hours that will be accepted.

2020 DC REG TEXT 542287 (NS), published and effective June 12, 2020, updating the continuing education requirements for pharmacists upon renewal, reinstatement, and reactivation. Amendments include, beginning with the licensure period ending February



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28, 2023, adding continuing education in public health priorities as determined and amended from time to time by the Director. Also, requires applicants for renewal, reinstatement, or reactivation of a license to respond to the Board's audit request within thirty (30) days of receipt of the request.

- 2020 DC REG TEXT 565438 (NS), published September 18, 2020, effective September 8, 2020, revising the licensure examination requirements for dentists by removing the Northeast Regional Board (NERB) and providing that the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) Examination may be a patient-based or nonpatient-based examination, and may, but is not required to, include a periodontal examination; and revising the continuing education requirements for dentists providing that beginning with the licensure period ending December 31, 2021, the continuing education requirements may be satisfied through approved online courses.
- 2020 DC REG TEXT 565438 (NS), published September 18, 2020, effective September 8, 2020, revising the licensure examination requirements for dental hygienists by removing the Northeast Regional Board (NERB) and providing that the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) Examination may be a patient-based or nonpatient-based examination, and may, but is not required to, include a periodontal examination; and revising the continuing education requirements for dental hygienists by allowing all of the continuing education requirements to be satisfied through approved online courses.

Florida

2020 FL REG TEXT 544453 (NS), published March 10, 2020, effective March 25, 2020, updating the remediable tasks that may be performed by a dental hygienist under various levels of supervision.

Georgia

2020 GA REG TEXT 566165 (NS), published September 25, 2020, effective September 30, 2020, updating the qualifications for a volunteer license. Provides that the dentist or dental hygienist must submit an application for a volunteer license to the Board and be retired and not currently engaged in either full time or part time practice, and has prior to retirement maintained full licensure in good standing, or is currently licensed to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in Georgia with an unrestricted license in good standing. Requires the license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene to have been held at least five years while engaged in clinical practice; and applicants must not have failed a clinical licensing exam within the past five years. If five years have passed without the applicant being engaged in the direct observation and treatment of patients, the Board, in its discretion, may require a refresher course or the passage of an examination administered by the board or a testing agency designated and approved by the board. The applicant may be asked to submit a physician statement attesting to their physical and mental capacity; and must show proof of current CPR certification. Provides that if the applicant is not in compliance with the continuing education requirements at the time of the application (which is 40 hours for dentists and 22 hours for dental hygienists of continuing education within the last 2 years including CPR at the basic life support level), the applicant may be issued a nonrenewable temporary license to practice for six months if they are otherwise qualified. Also provides that there is no application or licensing fee for initial issuance of a volunteer license.

2020 GA REG TEXT 567748 (NS), published October 21, 2020, effective October 19, 2020, amends [GA ADC 150-3-.01](#) (Examination for Dental Licensure) authorizing candidates to apply for a dental license if they have a passing score on the Integrated National Board Dental Exam. Provides that the board will consider results from the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX) dental examination beginning January 1, 2021. Requires regional examinations to include procedures performed on human subjects as part of the assessment of clinical competencies and sets forth the specific evaluation areas that must be included. Also provides that examination scores from slot preparations of restorative dentistry will not be accepted or recognized by the Board.

Indiana

2019 IN REG TEXT 541100 (NS), published December 4, 2019, effective November 25, 2019, adopts uncodified sections regarding convictions of concern which may disqualify an individual for licensure by the state board of dentistry. Includes an explicit list of convictions of concern and provides that the fee for a petition for a determination as to whether the individual's misdemeanor or felony conviction may disqualify the individual from receiving a license or certification is \$25.

Louisiana

2019 LA REG TEXT 534757 (NS), published and effective December 20, 2019, clarifying that the continuing education requirement, other than the 3-hour opioid management course and the cardiopulmonary resuscitation course, do not apply to dentists enrolled in full-time post-graduate specialty training, dental hygienists enrolled in full-time post-graduate training, and dentists and dental hygienists renewing their license for the first time.

Missouri

2020 MO REG TEXT 555533 (NS), published June 1, 2020, effective May 7, 2020, adopts [20 MO ADC 2110-2.020](#) (Limited Temporary Dental License) establishing criteria for a limited temporary dental license program allowing recent dental school graduates to practice dentistry while they are waiting for clinical competency examinations to be rescheduled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Maine

2020 ME REG TEXT 537437 (NS), published April 8, 2020, effective April 5, 2020, implementing modified provision of the Maine Dental Practice Act, which update certain licensure, practice authority, registration and renewal and reinstatement criteria for dental professionals.



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Montana

2019 MT REG TEXT 533260 (NS), published December 27, 2019, effective December 28, 2019, amends and adopts and repeals several sections in MT ADC 24.138 (Board of Dentistry) to update the requirements regarding the licensing of dentists and allied personnel. Changes include updating the definitions and the fee schedule; updating the requirements for mandatory certification and dental auxiliary functions; updating the licensing examination requirements for dentists and dental hygienists and the requirements for licensing by credentials for dentists, dental hygienists and dentist specialists; updating the requirements for dental hygiene local anesthetic certification and limited access permit; updating the denturist license requirements; and updating the requirements for converting inactive to active status, reactivation of expired license, and unprofessional conduct.

2020 MT REG TEXT 544626 (NS), published March 27, 2020, and effective March 28, 2020, removing the requirement for affidavits from three persons not related to the dentist candidate, of the candidate's good moral character; and removing the requirement for affidavits from two persons not related to the candidate, of the dental hygienists candidate's good moral character.

New Mexico

2020 MS REG TEXT 548122 (NS), published and effective October 19, 2020, amends [30 MS ADC Pt. 2301, R. 1.47](#) (Licensure by Credentials) removing criteria allowing a maximum of 2 years' participation in an approved residency program to be used in fulfilling the minimum 5-year active practice requirement for dental licensure.

New York

2020 NY REG TEXT 557984 (NS), published and effective September 30, 2020, providing that the Department, in its discretion, may accept certain clinical experience demonstrating the successful use of conscious (moderate) sedation to meet the live dental patient requirement if such requirement cannot be met due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to an Executive Order for the COVID-19 crisis.

North Carolina

2020 NC REG TEXT 534239 (NS), published March 2, 2020, effective February 1, 2020, adopts [21 NC ADC 16W.0104](#) (Dental Access Shortage Areas) establishing the requirements to allow public health hygienists who perform procedures in certain facilities in dental access shortage areas to perform these procedures under the direction of a dentist based on a written standing order, rather than an in-person evaluation by the dentist; and to supervise a Dental Assistant who assists the public health hygienists in these procedures. Also provides that dentists providing services at these facilities in dental access shortage areas are providing public health services and may supervise more than two public health hygienists at the same time.

2020 NC REG TEXT 539756 (NS), published April 1, 2020, effective March 1, 2020, to update the licensing requirements for dentists and dental hygienists.

2020 NC REG TEXT 552200 (NS), published October 1, 2020, effective September 1, 2020, providing that a renewal application for a dental and dental hygiene license may be submitted electronically and providing a specific list of items that the renewal application shall include.

Ohio

2020 OH REG TEXT 544398 (NS), published May 20, 2020, effective May 30, 2020, adopts [OH ADC 4715-23-01](#) (Requirements for teledentistry permit) establishing the requirements to obtain a teledentistry permit. Also requires the holder of a teledentistry permit to notify the Board where dental services will be provided through teledentistry, if not included on the permit application, and provide the name and license or registration number of each dental hygienist and expanded function dental auxiliary who will perform dental services through teledentistry when the dentist is not physically present and the location where they will provide these services, if not included on the permit application.

Oregon

2020 OR REG TEXT 551332 (NS), published June 24, 2020, effective June 22, 2020, establishes the requirements for temporary licenses for dentists and dental hygienists who are spouses or domestic partners of active duty armed forces stationed in Oregon.

South Dakota

2020 SC REG TEXT 555376 (NS), published May 22, 2020, effective April 23, 2020, adopts SC ADC 39-19 (Dental Resident Limited License) authorizing the Board of Dentistry to issue a Dental Resident Limited License (DRLL) and establishing the requirements for the DRLL.

2020 SD REG TEXT 555661 (NS), published July 27, 2020, effective August 12, 2020, providing that the clinical competency examination may be patient-based or equivalent manikin-based. Also provides that during and within 180 days following a declared state of emergency that hinders the operations of and access to approved clinical competency examinations, the Board may approve verification of clinical competency from a Commission on Dental Accreditation accredited dental or dental hygiene school or other board approved entity.

Texas



• 2019 TX REG TEXT 536554 (NS), published December 13, 2019, effective December 15, 2019, adding requirements for an automatic denial or revocation of dental or dental hygiene license. Updates the requirements for imposition of mandatory sanctions for criminal convictions and for when the Board may impose any authorized disciplinary action on an applicant or licensee because of a person's conviction of a crime, other than a Class C misdemeanor. Updates the requirements for determining whether to impose any authorized discipline where the Board is not mandated to take a certain disciplinary action. Updates the requirements related to evidence of the person's fitness, including letters of recommendation. Adds requirements for the Board to provide notice of pending denial of license.

• 2019 TX REG TEXT 536555 (NS), published December 13, 2019, effective December 15, 2019, adding requirements for a licensed dentist whose practice includes direct patient care to complete not less than 2 hours of continuing education annually, and not less than 4 hours for each biennial renewal, regarding safe and effective pain management related to the prescription of opioids and other controlled substances. Also provides that dentists may complete continuing education courses described by 22 TX ADC ?111.1 (Additional Continuing Education Required) to satisfy a portion of the risk-management requirement.

2020 TX REG TEXT 553333 (NS), published May 1, 2020, effective April 21, 2020, to expand dishonorable conduct to include failure to postpone all surgeries and procedures that are not medically necessary to diagnose or correct a serious medical condition of, or to preserve the life of, a patient who without timely performance of the surgery or procedure would be at risk for serious adverse medical consequences or death, as determined by the patient's dentist, with certain listed exceptions related to the COVID-19 disaster.

2020 TX REG TEXT 554200 (NS), published May 8, 2020, effective April 30, 2020, adding rules for safe practice during the COVID-19 disaster, consisting of screening periods and pre-appointment procedures to be taken; ways that dental health care providers should limit their own exposure if they are ill or vulnerable; limits on bringing companions to appointment; an in-office screening protocol; steps to be taken during the provision of dental care; guide lines for Transmission-Based Precautions, N-95 masks, PPE procedure, and procedures involving aerosols; clinical technique; and patient instructions to report any potential following infection.

2020 TX REG TEXT 553360 (NS), published June 19, 2020, effective June 25, 2020, adopts 22 TX ADC ? 114.7 (Exemption from Licensure for Certain Military Spouses) establishing the requirements to allow qualified military spouses to practice as a dental assistant without obtaining a registration during the time the military service member to whom the military spouse is married is stationed at a military installation in Texas.

New Hampshire

2020 NH REG TEXT 530955 (NS), providing that starting January 1, 2020, at least 2 CEUs shall be earned in Medical Emergency Training by dentists and dental hygienists; and providing that all BLS-HCP, ACLS, and PALS courses shall include a hands-on component. Provides that a licensee may receive credit for up to 40% of the required CEUs by participating in audio-visual or online programs or live webinars which require the successful completion of a written examination by the licensee to be scored by the provider of such programs.

Utah

2020 UT REG TEXT 546164 (NS), published March 15, 2020, effective March 10, 2020, adding new continuing education requirements specific to class C, D and E anesthesia permit holders. Updates the requirements for how the credit for continuing education is recognized. Provides that a licensee may fulfill up to 15% of the licensee's continuing professional education requirement by providing direct patient care volunteer services at a qualified location; and for every four documented hours of such volunteer services, the licensee may earn one hour of continuing education. Removes provisions related to a licensee being excused from the continuing education requirements. Clarifies that it is the responsibility of the licensee to demonstrate that their continuing professional education meets the requirements of this section. Provides that the Division may defer or waive continuing professional education requirements for a licensee.

Washington

2020 WA REG TEXT 558524 (NS), published July 1, 2020, effective June 15, 2020, approves a new nonpatient based clinical exam, the Joint Commission on National Dental Examination's (JCNDE) Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE).

West Virginia

2020 WV REG TEXT 530304 (NS), published April 17, 2020, effective June 1, 2020, amends, repeals and renumbers multiple sections in WV ADC ? 5-1 (Rule for the West Virginia Board of Dentistry) to update the licensing requirements for dentists and allied personnel. The changes include removing specialties and designation of testing bodies from the rule. New requirements are added for licensure of internationally trained dentists who have at least two years of accredited dental education in the US and for waiver of payment of initial application fee for low-income individuals and military families. The definitions and the requirements for criminal offenses and convictions are also updated

Wisconsin

2020 WI REG TEXT 561502 (NS), published August 3, 2020, effective July 23, 2020, Adopts WI ADC ? DE 2.06 (Temporary dental license) and WI ADC ? DE 2.07 (Temporary dental hygienist license) to establish the requirements for temporary licenses for dentists and dental hygienists. Provides that a temporary license may be granted to an applicant who meets all the requirements for license



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except the clinical examination; and someone who has taken the clinical exam and failed is not eligible. Defines supervision and requires a person holding a temporary license to practice under the supervision of a licensed dentist. Provides that the temporary license is valid for a period of 3 months or until the holder receives a regular license or notification of failing the clinical exam.

Nursing

Alabama

- 2019 AL REG TEXT 541381 (NS), published November 29, 2019, effective November 15, 2019, requiring, no later than June 30, 2020, Alabama-approved advanced practice nurses holding multistate licenses issued by party states other than Alabama to notify the Board of their home state licensure status.

- 2019 AL REG TEXT 541417 (NS), published November 29, 2019, the Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend [AL ADC 610-X-4-.16](#) (Special Circumstances), to eliminate the temporary permit for out-of-state multistate licensees.

2020 AL REG TEXT 541415 (NS), published January 31, 2020, effective March 2, 2020, amends [AL ADC 610-X-4-.08](#) (Renewal of License) providing that no later than June 30, 2020, Alabama-approved advanced practice nurses holding multistate licenses issued by party states other than Alabama shall notify the Board of their home state licensure status.

2020 AL REG TEXT 552258 (NS), published March 31, 2020, effective March 20, 2020, adopts [AL ADC 610-X-4-.19](#) (Temporary Provisions Related to Outbreak of COVID-19) establishing provisions by the Alabama Board of Nursing that shall remain in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency. Temporarily reduces the fee for reactivation of an inactive (retired) license within two (2) years of inactive status to \$250. Suspends all continuing education requirements for reinstatement of a lapsed license or reactivation of an inactive license. Allows advanced practice nurses 15 days from the expiration date of the current certification to provide evidence of recertification by primary source verification to the Board. Provides that all temporary permits issued by the Board with terms of fewer than 180 days shall be valid for 180 days, unless otherwise invalidated. Provides the nursing activities which may and may not be delegated to a nursing student aide.

2020 AL REG TEXT 559244 (NS), published June 30, 2020, effective June 12, 2020, adopts [AL ADC 610-X-7-.11](#) ER (Delegation to Medication Assistants, Certified in Settings Other than Mental Health Residential Community Programs) establishing a nursing delegation program in licensed healthcare facilities for medication assistants (MACs) who have completed training with the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) and achieved certification through the national MACE exam. Also sets forth the conditions that must be met for a licensed nurse to delegate limited medication administration tasks to a MAC.

2020 AL REG TEXT 559269 (NS), published September 30, 2020, effective November 14, 2020, requires out-of-state licensees to demonstrate that they have successfully completed the board selected nurse licensure examination required for licensure in Alabama; and adds exceptions to certain licensing requirements for individual that hold a valid multistate license issued by a party state other than Alabama.

2020 AL REG TEXT 566845 (NS), published September 30, 2020, effective September 18, 2020, authorizing a licensed nurse to apply to convert his or her single state license to a multistate license during the single state license renewal period. Provides that the conversion application is not complete until all elements of the application are received by the Board, including, but not limited to, the criminal history record information report and required continuing education. If the application for conversion to a multistate license filed during the single state license renewal period is not complete prior to the end of the single state license renewal period, but the nurse's application otherwise satisfies all requirements for renewal of the nurse's single state license, the single state license may be renewed, at the discretion of the Board, pending completion of the conversion process.

2020 AL REG TEXT 566890 (NS), published November 30, 2020, effective January 14, 2021, providing the requirements for a licensed nurse to convert a single state license to a multistate license during the single state license renewal period. Also provides that if the application for conversion is not complete prior to the end of the single state license renewal period, but the nurse's application otherwise satisfies all requirements for renewal of the nurse's single state license, the single state license may be renewed, at the discretion of the Board, pending completion of the conversion process.

2020 AL REG TEXT 571284 (NS), published November 30, 2020, effective November 13, 2020, providing that an individual with a retired, inactive, or lapsed Alabama nursing license may administer vaccines in Alabama without compensation during a declared state or national pandemic, provided that the specified requirements are met. Also provides that any entity that seeks to utilize such gratuitous vaccine administration services shall first verify licensure status of the nurse in every jurisdiction where the nurse holds or has held a registered nurse or licensed practical or vocational nurse license.

2020 AL REG TEXT 566891 (NS), published November 30, 2020, effective December 8, 2020, eliminating fees for reinstating lapsed advanced practice approval (Non-Alabama MSL RN), non-Nurse license verification and roster purchases. Clarifies reactivation fee amounts for retired single versus multistate licenses.

Alaska

2020 AK REG TEXT 528466 (NS), published February 5, 2020, effective March 5, adding three new circumstances of unprofessional conduct relating to patient records and patient documentation.



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- 2020 AK REG TEXT 551955 (NS), published April 11, 2020, effective April 10, 2020, updating the application requirements for obtaining a courtesy license to allow successful applicants to meet the specific criteria for emergency courtesy licensure during the public health emergency caused by COVID-19 pandemic. Provides that a courtesy license is valid for the period specified by the board and may not exceed 180 days and may be renewed for one additional period not to exceed 180 days. Removes the prohibition providing that a courtesy license may not be used for locum tenens coverage.

- 2020 AK REG TEXT 552418 (NS), published April 10, 2020, effective April 16, 2020, repealing the temporary permit and courtesy license fees for nurses and advanced practice registered nurses.

2020 AK REG TEXT 554186 (NS), published May 8, 2020, effective May 7, 2020, adopts [12 AK ADC 44.925](#) (Standards of practice for telehealth) establishing guidelines for APRN practicing telehealth and to adopt by reference the guiding principles for telehealth practice in the American Telemedicine Association (ATA), Core Operational Guidelines for Telehealth Services Involving Provider-Patient Interaction and the American Psychiatric Association and the ATA, Best Practices in Videoconferencing-Based Telemental Health, as the standards of practice when providing treatment, rendering a diagnosis, prescribing, dispensing, or administering a prescription or controlled substance without first conducting an in-person physical examination.

Arkansas

2020 AR REG TEXT 557837 (NS), published June 15, 2020, effective May 20, 2020, updating the reinstatement criteria for nurses reinstating a nursing license to active status after greater than five years. Requires completion of active practice of nursing for a minimum of one thousand hours (1,000) within the two years, instead of one year, immediately prior to application.

Colorado

2020 CO REG TEXT 555173 (NS), published May 25, 2020, effective May 1, 2020, adopts 3 CO ADC 716-1:1-26 (Temporary Licensure of Registered Nurses, Advanced Practice Nurses, and Certified Nurse Assistants and Temporary Suspension of Certain Nurse and Nurse Aide Education Requirements pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order D 2020 038) to establish requirements for the immediate expansion of the workforce of trained medical personnel available to provide healthcare services within inpatient facilities due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic in Colorado.

2020 CO REG TEXT 557203 (NS), published June 10, 2020, effective May 11, 2020, adopts 3 CO ADC 716-1:1.27 (Expanded Delegation for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, and Professional Nurses and Expanded Scope of Practice for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, Volunteer Retired Nurses, Volunteer Nursing Students and Nurse Aides Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order D 2020 038) to allow for the immediate expansion of the workforce of trained medical personnel available to provide healthcare services within inpatient facilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2020 CO REG TEXT 567549 (NS), published October 13, 2020, effective August 30, 2020, adopts 3 CO ADC 716-1:1.26-C (Temporary Licensure) authorizing the Board to issue a temporary license to an applicant that is a new graduate of an approved practical nursing program or of an approved professional nursing program who meets all qualifications for licensure with the exception of successful completion of the required examination. A temporary license issued from May 1, 2020, through August 29, 2020, is effective from the date of issuance through December 31, 2020. An initial temporary license issued to a new graduate on or after August 30, 2020 is effective from the date of issuance through March 31, 2021. Adopts 3 CO ADC 716-1:1.26-F (Temporary Suspension of Certain Nurse and Nurse Aide Education Requirements Related to Covid-19) suspending certain Board of Nursing education requirements effective August 30, 2020, for a period of no longer than 120 days.

Delaware

2020 DE REG TEXT 535778 (NS), published February 1, 2020, effective February 11, 2020, updating the requirements for applicants graduating from international or Puerto Rican programs.

Florida

2019 FL REG TEXT 537682 (NS), published December 17, 2019, effective January 2, 2020, updating a qualification of licensing to require a minimum overall score of 55 with a minimum speaking score of 55 on the Michigan English Test (MET) instead of a minimum score of 79% on the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB). Also, updates the application forms that are incorporated by reference.

2020 FL REG TEXT 556612 (NS), published August 4, 2020, effective August 17, 2020, updating the qualifications for examination, for an applicant who is a graduate of a foreign prelicensure education program not taught in English, or if English is not the applicant's native language, by requiring a minimum score of 300 on the Occupational English Test (OET) instead of a minimum score of 51 on the Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic).

Georgia

2020 GA REG TEXT 549878 (NS), published March 25, 2020, and effective March 23, 2020, An Executive Order, that the Georgia Board of Nursing is authorized to grant temporary licenses to practice under GA ST ? 43-26-8 (Temporary permits) and GA ST ? 43-26-38 (License by endorsement) to graduate registered nurses and graduate practical nurses who have yet to take their respective licensing exam. Temporary licenses shall allow the graduate registered nurse or graduate practical nurse to work under a licensed



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registered nurse or licensed practical nurse respectively during the Public Health State of Emergency related to COVID-19 and solely for the duration of this Executive Order.

Idaho

2020 ID REG TEXT 556751 (NS), published April 15, 2020, effective March 20, 2020, updating the requirements for reinstatement and the requirements for review of a denied application. Also, updates provisions regarding restricted status, disability due to substance use disorder or mental health disorder and summary suspension.

Illinois

2020 IL REG TEXT 551876 (NS), published April 10, effective March 25, 2020, allowing military personnel with medic training to serve as CNAs and allowing CNAs who have been licensed in another state to work in Illinois during the duration of the disaster proclamations.

Iowa

- 2020 IA REG TEXT 538721 (NS), published February 12, 2020, effective March 18, 2020, amends [IA ADC 655-5.2\(272C\) \(Continuing education-licensees\)](#) clarifying that the continuing education credits must be applicable to the licensee's practice area. Updating the entities that may offer continuing education. Requiring the licensee to submit verification of completion of the mandatory reporter training course(s) provided by the Iowa Department of Human Services in the previous 3 years and requiring the proof of completion issued by the Department to satisfy the documentation requirements. Removing 90-day deadline for receipt of the documentation for makeup credit.
- 2020 IA REG TEXT 538720 (NS), published February 12, 2020, effective March 18, 2020, clarifying that the fee for a reissued original certificate recognizing Iowa licensure as a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or advanced registered nurse practitioner is \$20; clarifying the passing scores for the TOEFL ? test and IELTS? test; updating the requirements for mandatory reporter training; and removing the fee requirements for a duplicate wallet card or certificate.
- 2020 IA REG TEXT 547867 (NS), published September 23, 2020, effective October 28, 2020, requires a self-report of impairment to be in writing. Establishes the Board's authority and jurisdiction to impose discipline against a participant in the program in circumstances involving out-of-state discipline or criminal convictions, notwithstanding any relation to the participant's impairment. Provides that a participant shall be referred to the Board for appropriate action if that participant is alleged to have violated a statute or Board rule based on conduct unrelated to the participant's impairment.

Kentucky

2020 KY REG TEXT 553415 (NS), published May 1, 2020, effective March 31, 2020, adopts 201 KY ADC 20:225E (Reinstatement of License) allowing the Board to issue a temporary work permit to an applicant who meet the requirements for reinstatement of a lapsed or retired license. Providing that the temporary permit may be issued for 6 months and may be reissued. Requiring the applicant to obtain a criminal record check.

2020 KY REG TEXT 550788 (NS), published September 1, 2020, effective July 29, 2020, amends [201 KY ADC 20:162](#) (Disciplinary proceedings) providing that pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact (KY ST ?314.475), if a nurse whose primary state of residence is Kentucky and who holds a Kentucky license with multistate privileges incurs a disqualifying event, the license shall be converted to a single state license valid only in Kentucky. Provides that disciplinary hearings may be video recorded. Removes provision that hearing costs may be waived in case of financial hardship.

Louisiana

2020 LA REG TEXT 549697 (NS), published March 20, 2020, effective March 19, 2020, authorizing the Board to extend the expiration of a temporary permit or reinstate an expired permit during a public health emergency. Providing that any permit extended or reinstated through the public health exception is valid for 120 days and may be extended for an additional 90-day increments.

2020 LA REG TEXT 551391 (NS), published and effective April 3, 2020, allowing the Board to, during a public health emergency, waive the continuing education requirements for reinstatement of an RN license which has lapsed, been inactive, or retired. Requiring the continuing education requirements to be met once the public health emergency has diminished.

2020 LA REG TEXT 551645 (NS), published April 20, 2020, effective April 9, 2020, allowing the Board to issue pre-graduation RN applicant disaster permits during a public health emergency and establishing the eligibility requirements for the pre-graduation RN disaster permit.

2020 LA REG TEXT 557812 (NS), published and effective September 20, 2020, changing the licensure renewal process for registered nurses from annual to biennial. Provides that the biennial renewal process does not apply to licensees who hold an active RN multi-state license in a compact state other than Louisiana exercising their privilege to practice in Louisiana. Provides that failure to renew a license prior to expiration will result in an inactive license. Adds that licensees may submit an electronic application to inactivate or retire their license and provides that a retired RN license is considered inactive, and individuals with a retired license are not authorized to practice. Revises the options to demonstrate competency for license renewal to include 30 board-approved contact hours of continuing education during the two-year licensure period or a minimum of 900 practice hours during the two-year licensure period as verified



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by the employer. Provides that first-time failure to comply with the continuing education requirements will result in a warning and may prohibit the licensee from renewing the license if the required CE documents are not provided and provides that subsequent failures will result in disciplinary action.

Maine

- 2020 ME REG TEXT 553411 (NS), published April 29, 2020, effective April 24, 2020, to allow, during any state of civil emergency declared by the Governor related to the COVID-19 virus, current nursing assistant students who have completed 90 hours of classroom instruction, 20 hours of skills laboratory, and at least 45 hours of supervised clinical practice to obtain their remaining supervised clinical practice hours as employees of medical facilities. Requires these students to be supervised by a clinical instructor or a registered professional nurse on staff at the facility. Also requires any clinical practice hours obtained through on-the-job training to be documented and certified by the medical facility's Director of Nursing.
- 2020 ME REG TEXT 553412 (NS), published April 29, 2020, effective April 24, 2020, revising the definition of 'supervision' to provide that during any state of civil emergency declared by the Governor related to COVID-19, supervision means that the registered nurse is either on-site or immediately available by telephone or videoconferencing technology to assess and evaluate nurse performance.

Michigan

2020 MI REG TEXT 524068 (NS), published May 1, 2020, effective April 6, 2020, updating the requirements for an applicant for licensure as a registered professional nurse and the continuing education requirements for license renewal.

Mississippi

2020 MS REG TEXT 566311 (NS), published September 17, 2020, effective September 28, 2020, adopts temporary rule [30 MS ADC Pt. 2825, R. 1.13](#) (Disciplinary Hearing Procedures Specific to COVID-19) to ensure public safety and prevent the spread of COVID-19 by conducting informal and formal disciplinary proceedings virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nebraska

2020 NE REG TEXT 565755 (NS), published October 7, 2020, effective October 5, 2020, repeals and replaces 172 NE ADC Ch. 101 (Practice of Nursing) updating the rules governing the practice of nursing.

New Hampshire

2019 NH REG TEXT 526111 (NS), published December 12, 2019, effective November 26, 2019, amends [NH ADC NUR 304.01](#) (Registered Nurse and Licensed Practical Nurse Licensure by Endorsement with NCLEX) to update the list of forms and documents that must be submitted to the board. Strikes language requiring individuals to submit to the department of safety, division of state police, a notarized Criminal Record Release Authorization along with any required fee, with the board identified as the recipient of the record or records. Also strikes language providing that each person seeking licensure as a registered nurse or practical nurse by endorsement shall prior to the submission of the application to the board, initiate the appropriate licensure verification process for the jurisdiction of original nursing licensure.

2020 NH REG TEXT 551711 (NS), published April 9, 2020, effective March 27, 2020, providing that if the Governor declares a State of Emergency, the Board will allow examinations to be completed within 90 days of the expiration of the State of Emergency.

New York

2020 NY REG TEXT 557986 (NS), published June 24, 2020, effective June 18, 2020, requiring registered professional nurses to attain a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing within ten years of being issued a New York State license. Establishes which degree programs are acceptable to the department and provides the requirements for an exemption. Provides the requirements for a conditional registration to a registered professional nurse who fails to complete a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing, but who agrees to meet such requirement within one year. Also provides that any registered professional nurse who is notified of the denial of a registration for failure to complete the educational requirements and who practices as a registered professional nurse without such registration may be subject to disciplinary proceedings.

Oklahoma

2020 OK REG TEXT 556298 (NS), published June 1, 2020, effective April 21, 2020, adopts OK ADC 485:10-21 (Pandemic Licensure Requirements) to assist in the licensure of nurses, non-licensed graduates of Board-approved nursing education programs and students of Board-approved nursing education programs. New sections include [OK ADC 485:10-21-2](#) (Continuing qualifications waiver for licensure/certification reinstatement) which waives, during the pandemic, certain listed sections related to continuing qualifications for licensure and reinstatement to a temporary license or certification; and [OK ADC 485:10-21-4](#) (Students or non-licensed graduates) which establishes requirements to increase opportunities for nursing students and recent graduates of Board-approved nursing education programs to contribute to the practice of nursing in hospitals and nursing homes.

2020 OK REG TEXT 543368 (NS), published September 1, 2020, effective September 11, 2020, adopts [OK ADC 485:10-11-4](#) (Licensure or certification of individuals with criminal history) to provide the criteria utilized by the Board in determining the effect of criminal history on eligibility for nursing licensure or Advanced Unlicensed Assistant (AUA) certification. Provides a list of felonies that



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disqualify an individual from retaining licensure or becoming licensed as a nurse or retaining certification or becoming certified as an AUA in Oklahoma. Also provides the requirements related to an initial determination of eligibility.

Oregon

- 2019 OR REG TEXT 536249 (NS), published December 1, 2019, effective January 1, 2020, adopts [OR ADC 851-031-0035](#) (Temporary License for Spouses and Domestic Partners of Active Duty Armed Forces of the United States Stationed in Oregon) to establish the requirements for a temporary license to practice Registered Nursing (RN) or Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) for the spouse of active duty armed forces personnel.

- 2019 OR REG TEXT 536257 (NS), published December 1, 2019, effective January 1, 2020, adopts [OR ADC 851-050-0035](#) (Temporary License for Spouses and Domestic Partners of Active Duty Armed Forces of the United States Stationed in Oregon) to establish the requirements for a temporary license to practice as a nurse practitioner for the spouse of active duty armed forces personnel.

2020 OR REG TEXT 553661 (NS), published May 1, 2020, effective April 10, 2020, adopts [OR ADC 851-001-0145](#) (Emergency Declaration Response) establishing certain requirements in the event that the Governor issues an emergency declaration requiring an expansion of the workforce of licensees and certificate holders of the Board of Nursing. Provides the minimum criteria for an emergency authorization to practice in Oregon. Provides that Oregon retired nurses or those with an inactive license may have their license reinstated provided they still meet the competency criteria established by the Board. Those who do not have the practice hours to establish competency will be referred to SERV-OR for additional volunteer opportunities; and the employment criteria for an emergency authorization does not apply. Provides that the Board will consult with the Department of Human Services to develop criteria for the expansion of the Certified Nursing Assistant workforce for nursing homes and long term care facilities in accordance with federal guidelines. Also provides the requirements for the implementation of a Graduate Nurse Certification.

2020 OR REG TEXT 562464 (NS), published August 12, 2020, effective August 6, 2020, adopts new [OR ADC 851-001-0150](#) (Violations of Declared Governor's Emergency Declaration) by stating that failing to comply with an applicable provision of a Governor's Executive Order or any provision of the rule during a declared emergency amounts to conduct derogatory to the standards of nursing and conduct unbecoming a nursing assistant, by specifying the types of actions that failing to comply includes, by specifying when disciplinary action or penalty action will not be taken under the rule, and by specifying that both conduct derogatory to the practice of nursing and unbecoming a nursing assistant is subject to possible disciplinary action by the Board of Nursing.

Texas

- 2020 TX REG TEXT 540659 (NS), published January 24, 2020, effective January 27, 2020, to allow the successful completion of the Canadian NCLEX-RN and licensure from a Canadian province by NCLEX-RN to satisfy a portion of the Board's endorsement requirements. Also establishes the criteria for an out-of-state military spouse to be eligible for licensure.

- 2020 TX REG TEXT 540658 (NS), published January 24, 2020, effective January 27, 2020, to allow practice/temporary permits to be renewed.

2020 TX REG TEXT 540279 (NS), published February 14, 2020, effective February 20, 2020, to establish the Nursing Shortage Reduction Program (NSRP) Rider 28 Study Work Group. The work group will be charged with studying the effectiveness of the NSRP in addressing the shortage of professional nurses in the state, studying the structure and efficiency of the program, and studying other funding strategies to address the nursing shortage. The work group members will include the following: an equitable representation of institutions eligible to participate in the program, the Texas Nursing Association, the Texas Board of Nursing, The Department of State Health Services Center for Nursing Workforce Studies, and other stakeholders. The work group will include two ad-hoc members from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) staff. Each higher education institution in Texas that is eligible to participate in the NSRP will have an opportunity to nominate an individual to the work group. Tasks assigned to the work group will include advising the Board of the THECB, providing THECB staff with feedback about processes and procedures, and addressing any other issues related to the NSRP Rider 28 Study as determined by the Board of the THECB.

2020 TX REG TEXT 549761 (NS), published May 15, 2020, effective May 24, 2020, providing that in order to receive temporary authorization to practice as a GN or GVN and obtain a permit the new graduate must: submit fingerprints for a complete criminal background check; and obtain a passing score on the jurisprudence exam approved by the Board. Provides that the new graduate who has been authorized to practice nursing as a GVN pending the results of the licensing examination must work under the direct supervision of a licensed vocational nurse or a registered nurse who is physically present in the facility or practice setting and who is readily available to the GVN for consultation and assistance. Provides that the new graduate who has been authorized to practice nursing as a GN pending the results of the licensing examination must work under the direct supervision of registered nurse who is physically present in the facility or practice setting and who is readily available to the GN for consultation and assistance. Also strikes language providing that a temporary permit is nonrenewable.

Utah

2020 UT REG TEXT 538748 (NS), published January 1, 2020, effective December 9, 2019, striking the existing fine schedule and replacing with a new table providing an updated fine schedule for nurses; and adding, failing to practice within limits of competency, in



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violation of UT ST ? 58-31b-801 (Practice within limits of competency), and two items related to an APRN failing to discuss the risks of using an opiate and violating the Utah Medical Cannabis Act, to the list of items considered unprofessional conduct.

Washington

2020 WA REG TEXT 554944 (NS), published May 20, 2020, effective April 24, 2020, removing certain requirements for continuing education, demonstrated practice and continuing competency for nurses with a retired active license who are renewing a retired active credential or returning to active status.

2020 WA REG TEXT 554944 (NS), published July 15, 2020, effective June 26, 2020, removing certain requirements for continuing education, demonstrated practice and continuing competency for nurses with a retired active license who are renewing a retired active credential or returning to active status.

West Virginia

- 2020 WV REG TEXT 529155 (NS), published May 8, 2020, effective May 1, 2020, adopts WV ADC ? 19-15 (Request for Waiver of Initial Licensing Fees for Certain Individuals) to establish the procedures for waiving the initial licensing fee for low income individuals, and military personnel and their spouses.

- 2020 WV REG TEXT 532714 (NS), published May 8, 2020, effective May 1, 2020, requiring that an applicant “must hold a diploma from that school with an affidavit of graduation from the nursing education program as proof of education” instead of “must hold a diploma from that school and be recommended to the board by the faculty of the school of nursing”. Requires the criminal history record check be within 6 months of filing the application instead of within 12 months. Provides that the results of the state and national criminal history record check may be released to the individual who is the subject of the criminal history record check “in accordance with the standards of the West Virginia State Police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Board” instead of “with the written authorization of the individual who is the subject of the criminal history record check”. Removes the requirement that the completed board application be submitted 45 days prior to the date the applicant wishes to take the examination. Also adopts WV ADC ? 19-3-16 (Use of criminal records as disqualification from authorization to practice) providing that the board may not disqualify an applicant from initial licensure because of a prior criminal conviction that remains unreversed unless that conviction is for a crime that bears a rational nexus to the nursing profession. Establishes the requirements for determining whether a criminal conviction bears a rational nexus to the nursing profession. Provides the requirements for petitioning the board for a determination of whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify the individual from obtaining a license.

Wisconsin

2020 WI REG TEXT 437847 (NS), published June 29, 2020, effective July 1, 2020, updating the application requirements for an applicant who graduated from a school of professional nursing or practical nursing from a U.S. territory or outside the United States to accept a professional nursing applicant's credential evaluation service academic report and demonstration of passing a board-accepted language proficiency exam.

Pharmacist

Alaska

2020 AK REG TEXT 570805 (NS), published November 20, 2020, effective November 19, 2020, updating the requirements for emergency permits for pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians. Adds requirements for an emergency courtesy license to practice as a pharmacist, pharmacy inter, or pharmacy technicians during an urgent situation.

Arkansas

2020 AR REG TEXT 557839 (NS), published August 15, 2020, effective August 1, 2020, adopts [AR ADC 007.39.1-01-00-0010](#) (Licensure for Active Duty Service Members, Returning Military Veterans, And Spouses) providing the requirements for certain military related individuals to secure employment with a temporary license, certificate, or permit while completing the application process for full licensure or registration; and adopts [AR ADC 007.39.11-11-00-0009](#) (Pre-Licensure Criminal Background Check) to establish the requirements for an individual to petition for a pre-licensure determination of whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify the individual from licensure and whether a waiver may be obtained.

Arizona

2020 AZ REG TEXT 531435 (NS), published February 7, 2020, effective March 14, 2020, clarifying that continuing professional pharmacy education is mandatory for all licensees and updating requirements. Adds special continuing education requirements for certain licensees and provides that a pharmacist is exempt from the continuing education requirements between the time of initial licensure and first renewal. Updates the list of information, a pharmacist is required to provide regarding each immunization, vaccine, or emergency medication administered. Clarifies that a nonresident permittee is required to be licensed in both Arizona and possess a current equivalent license or permit issued by the licensing authority in the jurisdiction where the person resides.

California

2019 CA REG TEXT 522502 (NS), published November 22, 2019, effective April 1, 2020, amends 16 CA ADC ? 1749 (Fee Schedule) to increase initial licensing fees, application fees, licensing renewal fees, and penalty fees for failure to renew a license.



2020 CA REG TEXT 533062 (NS), published June 26, 2020, effective October 1, 2020, to simplify the regulatory language and consolidate the license types into two categories: (1) a premises license and (2) an individual license, with an exception for pharmacist examination and licensure and pharmacy intern applicants, as these licensing programs have specialized requirements.

District of Columbia

2020 DC REG TEXT 557722 (NS), published June 19, 2020, effective June 5, 2020, adopts 17 DC ADC ? 6516 (COVID-19 Testing by Pharmacists) establishing minimum standards for the safe and effective operation of pharmacies where pharmacists, and pharmacy interns under the direct supervision of a pharmacist, administer COVID-19 tests, and observe and facilitate collection of a self-administered COVID-19 test.

2020 DC REG TEXT 568369 (NS), published October 23, 2020, effective October 15, 2020, allowing pharmacists to satisfy all of their continuing education requirements through online courses for the renewal, reactivation, and reinstatement periods ending February 28, 2021.

Florida

2020 FL REG TEXT 539117 (NS), published January 22, 2020, effective February 2, 2020, to add training for compounding sterile and/or nonsterile human drugs as an option for acquiring the hours required for consultant pharmacist license renewal continuing education.

2020 FL REG TEXT 557406 (NS), published October 13, 2020, effective October 28, 2020, adopts Chapter 64B16-31, Collaborative Practice and Test and Treat Certifications, establishing the requirements for Pharmacist Collaborative Practice Certification and Pharmacist Test and Treat Certification.

Idaho

2020 ID REG TEXT 556748 (NS), published April 15, 2020, effective March 20, 2020, removing the requirement that the application for license to practice a recognized dental specialty must be filed in the office of the Board of Dentistry; and that the application must be attested before a notary public; clarifying the requirements regarding indirect and direct supervision of a dental hygienist; updating the supervision requirements and the prohibited duties for dental assistants; removing the requirement that dentists who provide any telehealth services must physically practice within seventy-five miles of the patient's location; and clarifying that it is unprofessional conduct to fail to advise patients or their representatives in understandable terms of the name and professional designation of the provider rendering treatment.

Iowa

2019 IA REG TEXT 531152 (NS), published December 4, 2019, effective January 8, 2020, updating the training requirements for a licensed pharmacist who qualifies as a mandatory abuse reporter. Removes the definition for 'Approved abuse education training'. Also changes the time frame for maintaining documentation of completion of the mandatory training and the time frame for auditing this documentation from five to three years following the date of the training.

Kentucky

2020 KY REG TEXT 525006 (NS), published August 1, 2020, effective July 3, 2020, updates requirements to provide that a pharmacist intern, under the supervision and direction of a licensed pharmacist, shall practice pharmacy with the exception that prior to dispensing, a pharmacist shall verify the accuracy and appropriateness to include drug utilization review (DUR) and final product verification of the prescription or product dispensed. Also provides that a pharmacist is responsible for all the actions of a pharmacist intern.

Louisiana

2020 LA REG TEXT 552622 (NS), published and effective September 20, 2020, repealing the requirement for a pharmacist to publicly display a paper copy of their current license renewal.

Missouri

2019 MO REG TEXT 541191 (NS), published April 1, 2020, effective May 30 2020, adopts [20 MO ADC 2220-7.075](#) (Temporary Pharmacist License for Non-Resident Military Spouses) establishing requirements for non-resident military spouses to obtain a temporary pharmacist license.

2020 MO REG TEXT 567446 (NS), published October 15, 2020, effective September 18, 2020, provides that intern pharmacists and qualified pharmacy technicians activities must be supervised by a Missouri-licensed pharmacist present at the Class R pharmacy or remotely supervised by a Missouri-licensed pharmacist located at the supervising pharmacy using technology that provides a continuous real-time audio and video link. Requires that the supervising pharmacist must be employed by the supervising pharmacy and must be competent to perform the services being supervised. Provides that a pharmacist cannot supervise more than 2 Class R pharmacies at the same time. Also requires policies and procedures to ensure appropriate pharmacist review of verbal prescription orders received by an intern pharmacist or qualified pharmacy technician at a Class R pharmacy when a pharmacist is not present.

Nevada



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2019 NV REG TEXT 522034 (NS), published and effective December 30, 2019, providing that in addition to any other fees paid by an applicant for a certificate, license or permit, the Board may require that the applicant pay actual costs of inspection incurred by the Board.

New Hampshire

2020 NH REG TEXT 551706 (NS), published April 9, 2020, effective March 20, 2020, providing that during a State of Emergency declared by the Governor, the Board shall allow pharmacists 60 days past the expiration of the State of Emergency to complete the requirement for basic or higher certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) from the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or from another organization or entity that is nationally-recognized as an issuer of such certifications that is required to engage in the administration of vaccines.

New Jersey

2020 NJ REG TEXT 526011 (NS), published and effective March 2, 2020, to no longer allow a pharmacist to seek Board approval for continuing education credit for attendance at a program or course that is not offered by an American Council of Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE)-approved provider or that has not been pre-approved by the Board.

North Carolina

2020 NC REG TEXT 550821 (NS), published April 1, effective March 20, 2020, adopts [21 NC ADC 32B.1707](#) (Limited License for Disasters and Emergencies for Physicians and Physician Assistants with Inactive North Carolina Licenses) to establish an expedited process by which physicians and physician assistants with inactive North Carolina medical licenses may obtain a temporary emergency license.

Ohio

2019 OH REG TEXT 520178 (NS), published December 17, 2019, effective January 1, 2020, to update the requirements for a pharmacist, pharmacy intern and technician to administer clinical laboratory improvement amendments (CLIA) waived diagnostic laboratory testing.

2020 OH REG TEXT 520178 (NS), published July 9, 2020, effective December 1, 2020, establishes the requirements for a licensed pharmacist to administer by injection certain dangerous drugs; and to establish the requirements for pharmacy interns to administer immunizations and dispense naloxone under the direct supervision of a pharmacist.

2020 OH REG TEXT 520178 (NS), published September 10, 2020, effective December 1, 2020, Adopts [OH ADC 4729:1-3-02](#) (Immunization administration) to establish the training requirements for a pharmacist to administer immunizations; to allow a pharmacist to administer specific immunizations under a physician approved protocol; and to outline informed consent requirements.

Oregon

- 2020 OR REG TEXT 538854 (NS), published and effective January 1, 2020, providing spouses or domestic partners of U.S. Armed Forces members stationed in Oregon with a temporary authorization to practice their healthcare profession, if specified licensure criteria are met; revising the requirement that foreign pharmacy graduates provide the original certificate issued by the NABP Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee (FPGEC) to instead require a copy of the original certificate; and revising pharmacy intern licensure criteria regarding national fingerprint-based background checks, Internet-based English-language testing and initial license validity.

- 2020 OR REG TEXT 538919 (NS), published and effective January 1, 2020, adopting [OR ADC 410-123-1262](#) (Dental Administration of Vaccines) establishing the perimeters for administration, monitoring, and oversight of vaccines to adults and children by Oregon licensed oral health providers.

- 2020 OH REG TEXT 526334 (NS), published January 8, 2020, effective January 10, 2020, adopts [OH ADC 4729:1-3-06](#) (Dispensing of epinephrine autoinjectors by pharmacists) establishing the protocol for a pharmacist to dispense an epinephrine autoinjector.

2020 OR REG TEXT 553662 (NS), published May 1, 2020, effective April 7, 2020, to allow, during the declared public health emergency related to the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, a preceptor to monitor as many interns as they believe in their professional judgment is appropriate to achieve desired experiential outcomes for non-direct patient care learning opportunities only, while preserving and assuring patient safety. Requires the preceptor to retain documentation of all interns monitored during this timeframe.

South Dakota

2020 SD REG TEXT 562098 (NS), published September 28, 2020, effective October 12, 2020, providing that a pharmacist may administer immunizations by prescription drug order signed by a practitioner or by protocol signed by a physician if the pharmacist meets the criteria in [SD ADC 20:51:28:02](#) (Qualifications for authorization to administer immunizations) and has been granted authorization by the board; establishing the requirements for a pharmacy intern to administer immunizations under the direct supervision of a pharmacist; and increasing the number of interns a pharmacist may supervise from one to two.

Texas



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- 2019 TX REG TEXT 535369 (NS), published December 6, 2019, effective December 9, 2019, adding interim pharmacist licensing procedures for a military spouse who is currently licensed in good standing by another jurisdiction with substantially similar requirements.
 - 2019 TX REG TEXT 535371 (NS), published December 6, 2019, effective December 9, 2019, adding continuing education requirements for courses on pain management, prescribing and monitoring controlled substances and human trafficking prevention. Removes a requirement for continuing education on opioid abuse.
 - 2020 TX REG TEXT 543398 (NS), published February 28, 2020, effective March 5, 2020, adopts 22 TX ADC ? 281.69 (Automatic Denial or Revocation) to establish the requirements for the automatic denial of a pharmacist licensure application or revocation of a pharmacist license for certain listed criminal offenses.
 - 2020 TX REG TEXT 543395 (NS), published February 28, 2020, effective March 5, 2020, removing failing to repay a guaranteed student loan from the list of items that are considered unprofessional conduct by a pharmacist.
 - 2020 TX REG TEXT 543405 (NS), published February 28, 2020, effective March 5, 2020, providing that for applications for reactivation of an inactive license received before September 1, 2023, at least one contact hour shall be related to best practices, alternative treatment options, and multi-modal approaches to pain management.
- 2020 TX REG TEXT 551215 (NS), published June 12, 2020, effective June 18, 2020, requires one continuing education contact hour in mental health awareness. Also clarifies the continuing education requirements for pharmacists during their initial license period.

Utah

2019 UT REG TEXT 537146 (NS), published December 15, 2019, effective November 25, 2019, updating what must be included in a pharmacist's 30 continuing education (CE) hours and a pharmacy technician's 20 CE hours. Also makes other clarifying and conforming changes; updating the list of items that are considered unprofessional conduct; providing a new fine and citation schedule; updating the requirements for pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy technician or individual who will administer a prescription drug or device; and updating the requirements for a pharmacist or individual to complete prior to engaging in the administration of a long-acting injectable drug.

Virginia

2020 VA REG TEXT 478773 (NS), published September 14, 2020, effective October 14, 2020, increases the listed Board of Pharmacy fees by 30%.

2020 VA REG TEXT 567366 (NS), published October 12, 2020, effective September 22, 2020, adopts [18 VA ADC 110-20-271](#) (Reporting to the Virginia Immunization Information System) requiring any pharmacist who administers an immunization or directs a pharmacy intern to administer an immunization under his supervision to a person aged three through eighteen years during the COVID-19 public health emergency to report such immunization to and provide all information required by the Virginia Immunization Information System.

Washington

2020 WA REG TEXT 490243 (NS), published June 17, 2020, effective July 1, 2020, adopts WA ADC 246-945 (Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission) to consolidate multiple chapters of existing rules into one administrative chapter that covers the practice of pharmacy, including: general provisions, general licensing, professional standards, and operational standards.

Wisconsin

2020 WI REG TEXT 530493 (NS), published February 24, 2020, effective March 1, 2020, to establish the requirements for delegate-check-delegate for supervising pharmacists. A delegate is a person to whom the pharmacist has delegated the task of product verification. Delegate-check-delegate means the process in which one delegate conducts the task of product verification of technical dispensing functions completed by an unlicensed individual. The supervising pharmacist is the pharmacist who is responsible for the operations and outcomes of product verification done by a delegate and ensuring for direct supervision of the delegate.

West Virginia

2020 WV REG TEXT 527229 (NS), published May 1, 2020, effective April 30, 2020, amends WV ADC ? 15-1-22 (Emergency Dispensing by Pharmacists) striking the existing language and providing that if a pharmacist is unable to obtain a refill authorization from a health care professional who issued the prescription and the pharmacy at which the pharmacist works has a record of the prescription for the drug in the name of the patient who is requesting it, a pharmacist may dispense an emergency supply of a prescription drug of life-sustaining medication or continue therapy for a chronic condition of the patient, when in the professional judgment of the pharmacist, failure to dispense could result in harm to the health of the patient. Also adds additional requirements related to these new provisions for emergency dispensing.

Wyoming



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2020 WY REG TEXT 545496 (NS), published July 15, 2020, effective July 1, 2020, updates the requirements for pharmacists prescribing and administering immunizations. The changes were made to reflect changing practices and updated guidelines from the CDC.

Physician

Alabama

- 2020 AL REG TEXT 552256 (NS), published March 31, 2020, effective March 23, 2020, providing the requirements for the issuance of an emergency certificate of qualification to physicians licensed in other states who desire to provide health care to citizens of Alabama suffering from and affected by SARS-CoV-2 and the disease known as COVID-19. Physician applicants who satisfy the requirements are eligible for an emergency certificate of qualification by endorsement. A physician who is issued an emergency certificate of qualification shall also be issued a restricted Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate for the purpose of treating patients suffering from and affected by COVID-19. The certificate shall not authorize the physician to prescribe controlled substances via telemedicine.
- 2020 AL REG TEXT 552257 (NS), published March 31, 2020, effective March 23, 2020, adopts [AL ADC 545-X-2-.08](#) (Emergency License) providing for the expedited issuance of medical licenses to qualified physicians who desire to provide health care to citizens of Alabama suffering from and affected by the 2019 novel coronavirus known as COVID-19. Physicians who obtain an emergency certificate of qualification by endorsement from the State Board of Medical Examiners are eligible for an emergency medical license. Applicants for an emergency license are not required to pay a fee.
- 2020 AL REG TEXT 553936 (NS), published April 30, 2020, effective April 6, 2020, adopts AL ADC 545-X-2-.09 (Joint Emergency Rule for Expedited Reinstatement - COVID-19) establishing the procedures for the temporary reinstatement of a license of a physician whose license has become inactive by operation of AL ST ? 34-24-337 (Renewal of certificate; reinstatement of license), but who held a certificate of registration for any of the years 2017, 2018, or 2019. Provides that any physician whose license is reinstated by operation of this rule shall practice only to provide health care to individuals who are suffering from SARS-CoV-2 or individuals whose access to medical care has been adversely affected by the drain on medical resources occasioned by the Covid-19 pandemic. Also provides that the Board of Medical Examiners may issue an Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate without fee to a physician whose license to practice medicine is temporarily reinstated under this rule if the physician meets the stated requirements.
- 2020 AL REG TEXT 553935 (NS), published April 30, 2020, effective April 6, 2020, adopts AL ADC 540-X-14-.13.1 (Joint Emergency Rule of the State Board of Medical Examiners and Medical Licensure Commission for Expedited Reinstatement - SARS-CoV-2) to establish the requirements for the expedited reinstatement of inactive medical licenses to physicians who held an active license in any of the years 2017, 2018, and 2019 to qualified physicians who desire to provide health care to citizens of Alabama suffering from and affected by SARS-CoV-2 and the disease known as COVID-19.

2020 AL REG TEXT 547015 (NS), published May 29, 2020, effective July 13, 2020, adopts the use of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) online Uniform Application and fees for applicants for certificates of qualification for full licenses to practice medicine.

2020 AL REG TEXT 562251 (NS), published November 30, 2020, effective January 14, 2021, updating requirements for the covering physician when the primary supervising physician is not readily available to respond to patients' medical needs. Removes requirement that the covering physician be in the same partnership, group, medical professional corporation or physician practice foundation with the primary supervising physician.

Alaska

2020 AK REG TEXT 535181 (NS), published February 26, 2020, effective March 25, 2020, substantially updating the licensure requirements for graduates of unaccredited foreign medical schools. Also, updating the provisions related to unprofessional conduct for prescribing, dispensing, or furnishing a prescription medication without first conducting a physical examination to include physician assistants and to update the exceptions to include conduct by a physician or physician assistant practicing telemedicine.

2020 AK REG TEXT 552655 (NS), published and effective April 21, 2020, updating requirements for emergency courtesy licenses and authorizing emergency courtesy licenses to an applicant who practices medicine or osteopathy, or who practices as a physician assistant or mobile intensive care paramedic as part of a response to the public health disaster emergency issued by the governor to provide emergency medical or mental health care within the scope and duration of the declared emergency. Also removes the requirements for notarized signatures from certain application forms.

Arkansas

2020 AR REG TEXT 555493 (NS), published August 15, 2020, effective August 3, 2020, adopts [AR ADC 007.33.24-44](#) (Pre-Licensure Criminal Background Check) establishing the requirements for an individual to petition for a pre-licensure determination of whether the individual's criminal record will disqualify the individual from licensure and whether a waiver may be obtained.

Colorado

2020 CO REG TEXT 544227 (NS), published March 10, 2020, effective March 30, 2020, requiring physicians and physician assistants to complete at least two cumulative hours of training per renewal period in order to demonstrate competency in preventing substance abuse and/or to demonstrate competency in treating patients with substance use disorders.



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2020 CO REG TEXT 557201 (NS), published June 10, 2020, effective May 11, 2020, adopts [3 CO ADC 713-46:160](#) (Emergency Rules and Regulations Regarding Expanded Delegation for Physicians and Physician Assistants and Expanded Scope of Practice for Physicians, Physician Assistants and Anesthesiologist Assistant) expanding the authority of physicians to delegate and provide training for routine, technical services within inpatient facilities due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic in Colorado. Specifies requirements for delegation of services. Prohibits the delegation of the prescription or selection of medications, performance of surgical or other invasive procedures and anesthesia services. Also authorizes physicians to engage in inpatient care to evaluate and treat COVID-19 patients regardless of American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) Board certifications, national certifications, national specialty certificates of added qualifications, or current scope of specialty or subspecialty practice, if appropriate based on the physicians' education, training, and experience.

Florida

2020 FL REG TEXT 541001 (NS), published January 28, 2020, effective February 12, 2020, amends 64 [FL ADC 64B15-19.007 \(Citations\)](#) adding citations for failure to comply with the provisions of FL ST ? 456.44(7)(c) (Controlled substance prescribing), which are to inform the patient of nonopioid alternatives for the treatment of pain, to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the use of nonopioid alternatives, to provide the Department's educational pamphlet, or to document the nonopioid alternatives in the patient's record.

2020 FL REG TEXT 542471 (NS), published February 18, 2020, effective March 2, 2020, updating the list of the five most misdiagnosed conditions for the purpose of the required medical errors continuing medical education course. Removes surgery complications and respiratory-related conditions and adds gastroenterology-related conditions and neurological conditions.

- 2020 FL REG TEXT 544425 (NS), published March 10, 2020, effective March 24, amends 64 [FL ADC 64B15-14.0076](#) (Requirement for Osteopathic Physician Office Surgery Registration; Inspection or Accreditation) substantially rewording the rule to address the newly enacted FL ST ? 459.0138 (Office surgeries), regarding office surgery registration and the requirements for a designated physician.
- 2020 FL REG TEXT 549343 (NS), published March 17, 2020, effective March 13, 2020, providing that for the 2018-2020 biennial renewal period, licensees are permitted to obtain continuing medical education credit for one hour of Florida Laws and Rules/ Professional and Medical Ethics and two hours of Prevention of Medical Errors in a distance learning format. This waives the provision in 64 [FL ADC 64B15-13.001](#) (Continuing Education for Biennial Renewal) that requires these hours to be obtained by live participatory attendance.

Georgia

2019 GA REG TEXT 544990 (NS), published January 23, 2020, effective January 2, 2020, amends [GA ADC 360-32-.05](#) (Additional Requirements Regarding Physician Delegation to an APRN) adding requirements for an APRN in the event of the death or departure of a delegating physician. Also, removes provisions stating that the board may request documentation of the delegating physician's review of the medical acts performed by the APRN pursuant to a nurse protocol agreement and that failure to provide written documentation to the Board within 30 days shall be a basis for and may result in disciplinary action.

2020 GA REG TEXT 546263 (NS), published and effective January 30, 2020, to allow another entity, other than the Board, to evaluate foreign medical schools. Provides that 'Approved Medical Schools' are those schools that have been approved by a regional accreditation authority with standards equivalent to LCME and approved by the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA).

Iowa

2020 IA REG TEXT 542039 (NS), published March 11, 2020, effective April 15, 2020, updating the requirements for the training to identify and report child and dependent adult abuse. Also clarifies that the board may audit continuing education and training documentation at any time within the five- or three-year period, as applicable.

2020 IA REG TEXT 542040 (NS), published March 11, 2020, effective April 15, 2020, removes violations of Chapter 261 (College Student Aid Commission) from the board's authority to impose discipline and also removes provisions regarding student loan default or noncompliance with an agreement for payment of a student loan obligation.

2020 IA REG TEXT 542041 (NS), published March 11, 2020, effective April 15, 2020, establishing procedures for licensing through reciprocity for an individual who is licensed in a similar profession or occupation in another state and who is the spouse of an active duty member of the military forces of the United States.

Kansas

2020 KS REG TEXT 538213 (NS), published January 23, 2020, effective February 7, 2020, increasing the ratio of pharmacy technicians to pharmacists in the pharmacy from 3:1 to 4:1. Providing that a pharmacist must not supervise more than 2 pharmacy technicians who have not passed a certification examination approved by the board.

2020 KS REG TEXT 550008 (NS), Executive Order - Temporarily Expanding Telemedicine and Addressing Certain Licensing Requirements to Combat the Effects of COVID-19, effective March 20, 2020, Orders that the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts must not enforce any statute, rule, or regulation that would require physicians to conduct an in-person examination of a patient prior to the issuance of a prescription or order the administration of medication, including controlled substances, as long as the physician



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otherwise complies with the provisions of this order. Physicians are encouraged to utilize telemedicine services, when appropriate for their patients, to avoid unnecessary patient travel both in-state and out of state. Permits physicians under quarantine to practice telemedicine. Authorizes the Board to grant temporary emergency licenses to practice any profession regulated by the Board to an applicant whose qualifications the Board determines to be sufficient to protect public safety and welfare within the scope of professional practice permitted by the temporary emergency license for the purpose of preparing for, responding to, and mitigating any effect of COVID-19.

2020 KS REG TEXT 557718 (NS), published October 29, 2020, effective November 13, 2020, revising the requirements for licensure by examination in medicine and surgery and licensure by examination in osteopathic medicine and surgery.

Kentucky

2020 KY REG TEXT 561354 (NS), December 1, 2020, effective November 19, 2020, to require criminal background checks for all new applicants of any license that may be authorized to prescribe controlled substances. Clarifies that a criminal background check is required to obtain a license to practice as a physician assistant.

Louisiana

2020 LA REG TEXT 550412 (NS), published and effective March 30, 2020, allowing the Board to waive the procedures and requirements for submitting, requesting, and obtaining criminal history record information for an emergency temporary permit issued under 46 LA ADC Pt XLV, ? 412 (Emergency Temporary Permits). Removes the limitation on the number of 60-day extensions or renewals of an expired emergency temporary permit the Board may grant. Establishing the requirements for the Board to issue an emergency temporary permit to a formerly licensed individual who does not possess a current license to practice medicine or as allied health care practitioner in Louisiana, providing that the permit is available to a physician who holds a reduced-fee license, and providing that permits issued may be verified from the Board's website.

Massachusetts

2020 MA REG TEXT 545285 (NS), published January 24, 2020, effective January 7, 2020, providing procedures for licensees to revive a license that has lapsed during a temporary or final order of suspension, when the suspension is later vacated.

Mississippi

2020 MS REG TEXT 524666 (NS), published January 17, 2020, effective January 29, 2020, allowing a duly licensed physician to remotely consult with a duly licensed and qualified APRN or PA who is in a hospital setting, using telemedicine.

Missouri

2020 MO REG TEXT 554398 (NS), published May 15, 2020, effective April 2, 2020, a notice of suspension waives [20 MO ADC 2150-5.100](#) (Collaborative Practice Arrangement with Nurses) subsection (2)(C), which required that the APRN practice with the collaborating physician continuously present for at least a one month period of time before practicing in a setting where the collaborating physician is not continuously present. Also waives subsection (4)(E) relating to the requirement that the collaborating physician or any other physician designated in the collaborative practice arrangement review the APRN's delivery of health care services through a review of a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the charts every fourteen (14) days.

2020 MO REG TEXT 555534 (NS), published June 1, 2020, effective May 7, 2020, adopts [20 MO ADC 2150-2.068](#) (Graduate Medical Student Temporary License) establishing temporary licensure criteria for graduate medical students during the State of Emergency.

New Hampshire

2020 NH REG TEXT 519728 (NS), published February 1, 2020, effective January 10, 2020, clarifying the applicant must disclose whether the applicant is currently suffering from any condition, mental or physical, that impairs their judgment or that would otherwise adversely affect his or her ability to practice medicine in a competent, ethical and professional manner; and disclose whether the applicant is currently or has in the past been monitored or treated by a private, state, medical society or hospital physician health program. Updates the requirements regarding the required letters of reference. Also requires that applicants for temporary license shall provide proof of a full, unrestricted medical license in another state received directly from the state licensing authority indicating that the applicant's license covers the dates in which he or she is practicing in New Hampshire.

2020 NH REG TEXT 551713 (NS), published April 9, 2020, effective April 1, 2020, providing that a physician shall not be the RSP or ARSP for more physician assistants than authorized by institutional policy and/or clinical guidelines established and regulated at the practice level. Provides that during a State of Emergency declared by the Governor of New Hampshire, physician assistants deployed to medical facilities /centers in an emergency manner shall be reasonably supervised by an RSP or ARSP of that facility/ center, in accordance with established institutional policies and/or clinical guidelines established at the practice level, not to exceed 90 days upon expiration of the declared State of Emergency.

New Jersey

2020 NJ A.B. 1987 (NS), introduced January 14, 2020, establishes limited medical license for retired physicians and provides that no person holding a limited medical license and practicing under the scope of that license, is required to be covered by medical malpractice liability insurance.



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New Mexico

- 2020 NM REG TEXT 554055 (NS), published May 5, 2020, effective April 17, 2020, clarifying that for the public service license, the 'initial license will be issued following completion of any required interview, or approval by a member or agent of the board' instead of the 'initial license will be issued following completion of any required interview, and/or approval by a member or agent of the board'. Also provides that the temporary federal emergency license may be renewed one time for a period of not more than 12 months with a prorated fee of \$200.00, provided the federal emergency is still in effect.
- 2020 NM REG TEXT 554056 (NS), published May 5, 2020, effective April 17, 2020, to add a definition for 'Major disaster' and to add a new subsection providing the requirements for physician assistant licensure during a declared disaster.

New York

2020 NY REG TEXT 539833 (NS), published February 26, 2020, effective February 3, 2020, adopts [8 NY ADC 60.13](#) (Exemption for Physicians Who are Licensed in Another State or Territory to Provide Medical Services to Athletes and Team Personnel in New York State) to permit any physician who is licensed and in good standing in another state or territory, and who has a written agreement to provide medical services to athletes and team personnel of a United States sports team recognized by the United States Olympic committee or an out-of-state secondary school, institution of postsecondary education, or professional athletic organization sports team, to provide medical services to such athletes and team personnel for no more than five days before through three days after each discrete sanctioned team sporting event in New York State.

North Carolina

2020 NC REG TEXT 538510 (NS), published May 1, 2020, effective April 1, 2020, to provide physicians more options regarding the mandatory controlled substances CME requirement.

2020 NC REG TEXT 559940 (NS), published July 15, 2020, effective June 26, 2020, adopts [21 NC ADC 32B.1707](#) (Limited License for Disasters and Emergencies for Physicians and Physician Assistants with Inactive North Carolina Licenses) establishes an expedited process by which physicians and physician assistants with inactive North Carolina medical licenses may obtain a temporary emergency license.

North Dakota

2020 ND REG TEXT 532575 (NS), published and effective January 1, 2020, providing that the board shall issue a license to an applicant who holds a current valid letter of qualification issued through the interstate medical licensing compact. Provides that the issuance of a license does not preclude the board's ability to require additional information from the applicant.

Oklahoma

2020 OK REG TEXT 556297 (NS), published June 1, 2020, effective April 21, 2020, adopts OK ADC 435:11-1 (COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Rules) to establish requirements to increase the number of medical professionals able to practice in Oklahoma. The emergency revisions accomplish that by reducing supervisory requirements or limitations placed on non-physicians, removing barriers of entry for retired medical professionals from entering the workforce, and increasing opportunities for students and recent graduates who are not yet fully licensed to practice.

2020 OK REG TEXT 522970 (NS), published September 1, 2020, effective September 11, 2020, allowing a physician to supervise up to 6 advanced practice nurses and/or physician assistants, in any combination, regarding their prescriptive authority.

Oregon

- 2020 OR REG TEXT 538817 (NS), published February 1, 2020, effective January 16, 2020, to implement HB 3030 (2019) and SB 688 (2019) to provide the spouse or domestic partner of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed in Oregon a temporary authorization to practice their health care profession.

- 2020 OR REG TEXT 538816 (NS), published February 1, 2020, effective February 16, 2020 to update the requirements for physicians regarding military and public health licensing. Changes include, allowing those within the Military Health System to maintain an Oregon medical license as their primary license, and striking certain language regarding reactivation. Provides that licensees serving in the military may provide documentation of military training or experience that is substantially equivalent to the continuing education required by the Board; and strikes language providing an exemption for continuing education requirements for licensees serving in the military who are deployed outside Oregon for 90 days or more during the reporting period. Also strikes language providing exceptions for the active registration requirements for locum-tenens, teleradiology, telemonitoring or telemedicine licensees.

2020 OR REG TEXT 550928 (NS), published April 1, 2020, effective March 20, 2020, increasing the potential number of physicians and physician assistants who can care for patients in Oregon during a declared emergency. Provides a streamlined process for Administrative Medicine, Inactive, Lapsed, and Retired status licensees to reactivate to Active status. Reduces practice restrictions for Locum Tenens and Emeritus status licensees during the declared emergency.

Texas



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2020 TX REG TEXT 539172 (NS), published January 3, 2020, effective January 5, 2020, providing that applications for licensure by certain physicians licensed in other states or Canada for a certain period of years shall be expedited by the board's licensure division. Also, provides that an applicant who meets the criteria in TX OCC ? 155.0561 (Exceptions to Examination Attempt Limits for Certain Out-of-State Applicants), shall be deemed to have met the requirements of TX OCC ? 155.003 (General Eligibility Requirements).

2020 TX REG TEXT 551200 (NS), published April 3, 2020, effective March 24, 2020, requiring immediate reporting to the Board of a physician scheduling to perform, preparing to perform, performing, or who has performed a non-urgent elective surgery or procedure while Executive Order GA 09 is in effect for purposes of the COVID-19 disaster.

2020 TX REG TEXT 551201 (NS), published April 3, 2020, effective March 24, 2020, modifying the definition for 'continuing threat to the public welfare' to include a physician's performance of a non-urgent elective surgery or procedure. Provides for the postponement of all surgeries and procedures that are not immediately medically necessary to correct a serious medical condition or preserve a patient's life. Adds an exception for procedures that would not deplete hospital capacity or personal protective equipment needed to cope with the COVID-19 emergency.

2020 TX REG TEXT 554201 (NS), published May 8, 2020, effective May 1, 2020, to amend on an emergency basis 22 TX ADC ? 190.8 (Violation Guidelines) by adding notice and compliance requirements concerning COVID-19 minimum standards of safe practice to the definition of 'Unprofessional and Dishonorable Conduct'.

- 2020 TX REG TEXT 550268 (NS), published June 26, 2020, effective July 5, 2020, to update the requirements regarding referrals, the eligible program participants, drug testing, reports to the agency, fees, the process, evaluations and the agreements for the Texas Physician Health Program.
- 2020 TX REG TEXT 550265 (NS), published July 3, 2020, effective July 12, 2020, requiring that physicians complete at least 2 hours of continuing medical education (CME) in topics related to pain management and the prescription of opioids and other controlled substances.
- 2020 TX REG TEXT 558776 (NS), published July 3, 2020, effective June 24, 2020, providing that 'Appear/Appearance' means an opportunity to be heard at an Informal Show Compliance proceeding and settlement conference (ISC) via videoconference. Provides that a respondent who cannot utilize videoconference may request to appear via teleconference at least 15 days prior to the date of the appearance; and licensees are entitled to all substantive and procedural rights delineated in the Medical Practice Act.

West Virginia

- 2020 WV REG TEXT 550331 (NS), published March 27, 2020, effective March 26, 2020, adopts WV ADC ? 24-9-3 (Physician Practice and Emergency Temporary Permit) authorizing the Board to issue emergency temporary permits to physicians who have no pending complaints, investigations, consent orders, board orders, or pending disciplinary proceedings and who possess a valid, unrestricted medical license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery in another jurisdiction and establishing the requirements for the practice during the State of Emergency or State of Preparedness. Adopts WV ADC ? 24-9-5 (Practice and Emergency Temporary Permits for Physicians and Physician Assistants with Inactive West Virginia Licenses) authorizing the Board to issue emergency temporary permits to physicians or physician assistants who, at one time, possessed a license issued by the Board, which was not revoked by the Board, but who are now retired or in inactive status and establishing the requirements for the practice during the State of Emergency or State of Preparedness.
- 2020 WV REG TEXT 550330 (NS), published March 27, 2020, effective March 26, 2020, adopts WV ADC ? 11-14-2 (Registration for Out-Of-State Physicians and Physician Assistants to Practice in West Virginia During Declared State of Emergency) authorizing physicians and physician assistants licensed in another jurisdiction to provide medical care in West Virginia during a declared emergency. Establishing a registration process and eligibility criteria. Adopts WV ADC ? 11-14-3 (Registration for Inactive and Retired West Virginia Physicians and Physician Assistants to Practice in West Virginia During Declared State of Emergency) authorizing physicians and physician assistants who currently hold either inactive or expired status West Virginia licensees to provide medical care in West Virginia during a declared emergency. Establishing a registration process and eligibility criteria. Adopts WV ADC ? 11-14-5 (Professional Conduct, Authorization Denial, Complaint and Disciplinary Procedures) requiring physicians and physicians assistants registered to practice during a declared State of Emergency to meet the professional conduct standards and requirements required of licensed physicians and physician assistants in West Virginia. Requiring physician assistants to practice pursuant to an authorized Practice Agreement or active Practice Notification. Authorizing the Board to rescind a registration for conduct which is grounds cited for discipline and to, in its discretion, report or refer any complaint or allegation of professional misconduct to a physician or physician assistant's out of state licensing board.
- 2020 WV REG TEXT 527767 (NS), published May 8, 2020, effective May 4, 2020, adopts WV ADC ? 24-8 (Waiver of Initial Licensing Fees for Certain Initial Licensure Applicants) to establish the procedures for waiving the initial osteopathic licensing fee for low income individuals, and military personnel and their spouses.
- 2020 WV REG TEXT 526874 (NS), published May 8, 2020, effective May 4, 2020, adopts WV ADC ? 24-8 (Waiver of Initial Licensing Fees for Certain Initial Licensure Applicants) to establish the procedures for waiving the initial physician licensing fee for low income individuals, and military personnel and their spouses.



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2020 WV REG TEXT 561473 (NS), published July 31, 2020, effective September 8, 2020, requires an applicant to complete a minimum of one year of post-doctoral clinical training in a program approved by the American Osteopathic Association or the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. Also removes the requirement for evidence that the applicant is of good moral character and is physically and mentally capable of engaging in the practice of medicine and surgery.

Utah

2020 UT REG TEXT 539882 (NS), published January 15, 2020, effective December 23, 2019, to update the list of items considered unprofessional conduct to include, failing to discuss the risks of using an opiate with a patient or the patient's guardian before issuing an initial opiate prescription, in accordance with UT ST ? 58-37-19 (Opiate prescription consultation).

Wyoming

2020 WY REG TEXT 549065 (NS), published March 14, 2020, effective March 6, 2020, adding requirements to allow physicians and physician assistants not otherwise licensed in Wyoming to practice in Wyoming under the consultation exemption during a public health emergency declared by the Governor.

2020 WY REG TEXT 552848 (NS), published April 22, 2020, effective April 9, 2020, providing that during a public health emergency declared by the Governor: physicians may supervise more than three physician assistants on duty at any given time; any physician assistants not previously approved to be supervised by the physician shall be reported to the Board; there shall not be a fee associated with adding physician assistants to supervision; and any supervision arrangement initiated during a public health emergency shall automatically terminate upon termination of the public health emergency.

2020 WY REG TEXT 552847 (NS), published April 22, 2020, effective April 9, 2020, providing that physician licenses set to expire on June 30, 2020, are extended to, and shall be renewed by, September 30, 2020; and physician licenses set to expire on September 30, 2020, may be renewed during the grace period no later than December 31, 2020, subject to submission of the renewal application, the requisite renewal fee, and the license renewal grace period surcharge; providing the requirements for an emeritus or inactive license to be emergently reactivated in a public health emergency declared by the Governor; and providing the requirements for a license which lapsed due to non-renewal to be emergently reactivated in a public health emergency declared by the Governor.

Interstate Licensing Compacts

District of Columbia

2020 DC REG TEXT 519260 (NS), published and effective January 10, 2020, adopts 17 DC ADC ? 4621 (Interstate Medical Licensure Compact) to implement the licensure of physicians through the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC), which enables eligible physicians to become licensed in an expedited manner in member states including the District of Columbia.

Wyoming

2020 WY S.F. 87 (NS), enacted March 24, 2020, effective July 1, 2020, adopting the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact; providing for participation in and administration of the compact; authorizing the interstate practice of audiology and speech-language pathology pursuant to the compact; and providing for fingerprinting and background checks of license applicants and license renewals.

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