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LICENSURE PROTOCOL DURING COVID-19

The Idaho State Board of Medicine (“Board”) is actively monitoring the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in our state. The Board is dedicated to fulfilling its primary mission of protecting the public during this time, while continuing to ensure that Idaho has the health care workforce it needs to treat and care for patients throughout the state. The following are some of the steps that the Board has implemented in its effort to optimize the ability of Idaho’s physicians, physician assistants (PAs), and respiratory therapists (RTs)* to provide safe, effective care to Idahoans during the COVID-19 emergency:

- **Expediting temporary licensing and waiver of associated fees for retired and inactive physicians, PAs, and RTs* seeking temporary licenses to treat patients with COVID-19 in Idaho.** Providers eligible for temporary licensure must have a current license in good standing in Idaho or another state; had a license in good standing in Idaho or another state in the past 5 years; or have an inactive Idaho license in good standing. *The temporary license will last 120 days.*
- **Temporarily waiving registration requirement for physicians willing to supervise PAs in the state.**** Physicians seeking to supervising PAs will not be required to register with the Board but may simply complete the required COVID-19 Response Modified Supervising Physician Attestation form (“Attestation”).
- **Temporarily increasing flexibility in documenting physician-PA supervisory relationships to enable practitioners to respond quickly to changes in the clinical setting.** This will include removing the limit on the number of PAs supervised (for the duration of the COVID-19 crisis only), along with allowing the supervising physician to complete and maintain onsite an Attestation and COVID-19 Modified Delegation of Services (“DOS”) form (a roster of PAs supervised).

The Board will continue to monitor the spread of COVID-19 in Idaho and may further adapt its operations as necessary to meet the emerging needs of the public and its licensees. Please be advised that, although the Board is currently operating under business-as-usual procedures, the Board is also dedicated to the safety of its employees. Normal processing of licenses, prelitigation screening panel requests, and disciplinary complaints may be impacted as the severity of the outbreak in Idaho increases.

Resources for the public regarding COVID-19:

- [Idaho Official Government Website](#)
- [Idaho Public Health Districts](#)
- [Idaho Care Line](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

**Temporary licensure may be extended to other allied health professionals, including dietitians and athletic trainers, depending on community need.*

***Physicians seeking to supervise PAs will not be required to register with the Board but may simply complete the attestation and modified DOS form, to be maintained at the site of practice for potential Board inspection.*