

GUIDANCE: RETIRED PHYSICIANS AND OTHER LIMITED LICENSURE STATUS DURING COVID-19 CRISIS IN OREGON

Information and guidance related to COVID-19 is changing rapidly. Please refer to the Physicians Insurance website for the most up-to-date information.

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Updated Guidance.

The Oregon Nursing Board created an emergency authorization system to pair non-Oregon licensed nurses and nursing assistants with Oregon employers. Out of state licensed nurses in good standing can complete an emergency authorization to be included on the emergency authorization list – that document is linked here:

https://www.oregon.gov/osbn/Documents/Form_LIC-650.pdf. Moving forward, employers do not need to submit a request for a hiring exception; they can proceed with hiring a nurse or nursing assistant who appears on the emergency authorization list.

Additionally, out of state physicians and physician assistants who are actively licensed and in good standing in another state may complete an Emergency Authorization Application to Practice In Oregon During a Governor-Declared Emergency. This application is here:

<https://www.oregon.gov/omb/OMBForms1/Emergency%20Practice%20Application.pdf>

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The Oregon Medical Board is waiving the requirement of 8 hours of on-site supervision of physician assistants during the months in which Oregon is under a declared state of emergency. Supervising physicians do not need to submit a letter requesting this waiver during the state of emergency.

During the current period of emergency, emeritus physician assistant licensees are not limited to volunteer practice only; they may receive payment for their medical care.

Original Guidance (Effective March 23, 2020).

Summary: *In light of the current emergent situation with COVID-19, the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) is updating several administrative rules regarding practice limitations in order to increase the physician/physician assistant workforce in Oregon. Several of these are summarized below:*

1. Administrative medicine/inactive status/lapsed/retired physicians and physician assistants.

Oregon has established a new expedited reactivation process for the above categories of providers. In order to qualify, the licensee must have been in active clinical practice within the previous three years and must have been in good standing when they ended their clinical practice. The Emergency Reactivation Application is linked here:

<https://www.oregon.gov/omb/OMBForms1/Emergency%20Reactivation%20Application.pdf>.

In addition to the above application, a licensee must also provide a copy of their government issued photo ID. Also, the Oregon hospital, clinic, medical practice, public health organization, or other equivalent entity must also submit documentation regarding the need for the licensee's medical services to OMB.

2. Emeritus and locum tenens physicians or physician assistants.

During the current period of emergency, emeritus physicians are not limited to volunteer practice only; they are permitted to receive payment for their medical care.

During the current period of emergency, locum tenens licensees are no longer limited to 240 days/biennium of practice in Oregon. Rather, they can practice indefinitely during this emergency period.

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