

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

POLICY 2020-05

INTERIM POLICY ON EMERGENCY TEMPORARY LICENSES

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On March 10, 2020, Governor Baker declared a State of Emergency in Massachusetts in Executive Order No. 591, Declaration of a State of Emergency to Respond to COVID-19. On March 17, 2020, the Governor issued an "Order Expanding Access to Physician Services," to assure access to treatment by physicians during the COVID-19 State of Emergency. On May 28, 2021, pursuant to Section 2A of Chapter 17 of the General Laws, Governor Charles D. Baker declared that an emergency exists that is detrimental to the public health in the Commonwealth due to the continuing threat of COVID-19. Accordingly, the Board of Registration in Medicine issues this Policy in order to ensure there is a seamless transition of healthcare in the Commonwealth.

The Board has previously established an Emergency Temporary License Application for out-of-state physicians to assist in meeting the increased demand for physician services in Massachusetts.

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/important-information-regarding-physician-licensure-during-the-state-of-emergency>

The Emergency Temporary Licenses issued pursuant to the Order Expanding Access to Physician Services will remain valid until December 31, 2022.

To ensure there is no interruption in patient care, physicians who have been issued an Emergency Temporary License and who have submitted a full license application with the Board on or before December 31, 2022, will have their Emergency Temporary License remain active until the Full License application is adjudicated.