



Medical Licensure Changes

Office of the Governor:

Order Extending the Registration of Certain Licensed Health Care Professionals

Link: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-17-2020-registration-of-health-care-professionals-order/download>

Office of the Governor:

Order Expanding Access to Physician Services

Link: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-17-2020-expand-access-to-physician-services-order/download>

Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine:

“Important Information Regarding Physician Licensure during the State of Emergency”

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

Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing:

Expedited Processing of Reciprocal License Applications in the Event of a Declared Public Health Emergency, Licensure Policy 10-03

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Health Insurance Coverage & Billing

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services:

“Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) Response to the Public Health Emergency on the Coronavirus”

Link: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/se20011.pdf>

Massachusetts Health Connector:

“Massachusetts Health Connector offers extended enrollment for uninsured individuals to ease coronavirus fears,” Press Release

Link: <https://www.mahealthconnector.org/massachusetts-health-connector-offers-extended-enrollment-for-uninsured-individuals-to-ease-coronavirus-fears>

Massachusetts Health Connector:

“Guidance Regarding Special Enrollment Periods Due to the Emergence of the Novel Coronavirus SARSCov-2, Which Causes the Disease COVID-19,” Administrative Information Bulletin 02-20

Link: <https://www.mahealthconnector.org/wp-content/uploads/AdminBulletin02-20.pdf>

Hospitals, Medical Facilities, and Pharmacies

Massachusetts Department of Public Health:

March 15 2020 Elective Procedures Order

Link: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-15-2020-elective-procedures-order>

Massachusetts Department of Public Health:

Emergency Credentialing and Licensed Staff Transfer Procedures Order

Link: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/order-of-the-commissioner-of-public-health-implementing-emergency-credentialing-and-licensed/download>

Massachusetts Department of Public Health:

March 15 2020 Hand Sanitizer Pharmacy Order

Link: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-15-2020-hand-sanitizer-pharmacy-order>

Massachusetts Department of Public Health:

March 15 2020 Hospital Visitor Restrictions Order

Link: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-15-2020-hospital-visitor-restrictions-order>

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

March 15 2020 Assisted Living Visitor Restrictions Order

Link: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-15-2020-assisted-living-visitor-restrictions-order>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Hospital Preparedness Assessment Tool

Link: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/cdc-hospital-preparedness-checklist/download>

Labs / Testing

Massachusetts Department of Public Health:

Testing of Persons with Suspect COVID-19 through the Massachusetts State Public Health Laboratory, March 13, 2020 memorandum

Link: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-pui-criteria/download>

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, State Public Health Laboratory:

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) – FAQ and laboratory testing guidelines

Link: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-guidance-massachusetts-state-public-health-laboratory-faq/download>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

Interim Laboratory Biosafety Guidelines for Handling and Processing Specimens Associated with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/lab-biosafety-guidelines.html>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

“Policy for Diagnostic Tests for Coronavirus Disease-2019 during the Public Health Emergency”

Link: <https://www.fda.gov/media/135659/download>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

Emergency Use Authorizations

Link: <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/emergency-situations-medical-devices/emergency-use-authorizations#covid19ppe>

Telehealth

Health & Human Services, Office for Civil Rights:

“Notification of Enforcement Discretion for telehealth remote communications during the COVID-19 nationwide public health emergency”

Link: <https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/special-topics/emergency-preparedness/notification-enforcement-discretion-telehealth/index.html>

Health & Human Services, Office of Inspector General:

“OIG Police Statement Regarding Physicians and Other Practitioners that Reduce or Waive Mounts Owed by Federal Health Care Program Beneficiaries for Telehealth Services During the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak”

Link: <https://oig.hhs.gov/fraud/docs/alertsandbulletins/2020/policy-telehealth-2020.pdf>

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Massachusetts Department of Public Health:

March 15 2020 Telehealth Order

Link: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-15-2020-telehealth-order>

Massachusetts Medical Society

FAQ: Prescribing During Remote / Telemedicine Practice

Link: <http://www.massmed.org/Patient-Care/COVID-19/Frequently-Asked-Questions-Prescribing-During-Remote-Telemedicine-Practice/>

Law Firm and Health Care Organization Guidance

Arent Fox: <https://www.arentfox.com/perspectives/health-care-counsel-blog/covid-19-identifying-risks-determining-focus-setting>

Massachusetts Medical Society: <http://www.massmed.org/COVID-19/#.XnS7oYhKiHs>

Robinson & Cole: <https://www.healthlawdiagnosis.com/>

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