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Georgia Board of Nursing (GBON)	<a href="#">Emergency Rule 410-3-0.7-.12 - Emergency Temporary Permits</a>	The emergency rule, which supersedes GBON Policy 1.16, indicates that temporary permits granted through this emergency rule are valid for thirty (30) days, although the GBON may extend the expiration date of these temporary permits. The GBON website indicates that these temporary permits expire on <b>September 28, 2021</b> . Temporary permits previously issued under GBON Policy 1.16 are now governed by this emergency rule.	The emergency rule is effective while the June 30 SOE is in effect and for a period of not more than thirty (30) days thereafter.	Pursuant to this emergency rule, the GBON is authorized to issue temporary permits to Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN), Registered Nurses (RN), and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) who have an active, unencumbered license in any other U.S. jurisdiction who are entering into the state to respond to the declared emergency. An unencumbered license means a license that is not currently on probation, monitoring, suspension, and/or does not have any other type of limitation including current participation in an alternative to discipline program.	<a href="#">Nursing Temporary Permit Licensee Verification</a>	Facilities should identify LPNs, RNs, and APRNs who receive temporary permits under Emergency Rule 410-3-0.7-.12. Standard requirements for Georgia resident licensure by reinstatement are set forth in Rules 410-4-.01 (RN), 410-4-.02 (LPN), and 410-11-.11 (APRN). Non-residents may seek reinstatement through endorsement or international examination.	<a href="#">Full Licensure Application Process</a>
	<a href="#">Emergency Rule 410-2-0.5-.08 - Temporary Permits for Graduates of Approved Nursing Education Program</a> <a href="#">June 30, 2021 Executive Order - Temporary Licenses for Graduates (Page 4)</a>	This temporary permit shall be effective for the duration of the emergency and a period of not more than sixty (60) days thereafter, or until the GBON receives a notice that the permit holder has failed the examination.	This emergency rule is effective while the June 30 SOE is in effect, or until rescinded by the GBON, whichever occurs first.	An applicant for licensure by examination who has graduated from a GBON-approved nursing education program since December 1, 2019 may be issued temporary permits to practice as a graduate nurse (GN) or graduate practical nurse (GPN) pending the results of a licensing examination. Temporary permits will not be granted to applicants who have previously failed the licensing examination. The GN or GPN must immediately inform employers of receipt of notification of failing the examination and cease all practice of nursing.	<a href="#">Temporary Permit for Recent Graduate Verification</a>	Facilities should identify individuals who receive temporary permits under Emergency Rule 410-2-0.5-.08. Full licensure requires a completed application, National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX), and a background check, among other things.	<a href="#">Recent Graduate LPN/RN/APRN License Application Process</a>
	<a href="#">Emergency Rule 410-4-0.7-.02 - Licensure by Reinstatement (LPN)</a>	LPN licenses granted through this emergency rule do not automatically expire at the end of the PHE. This emergency rule shall be effective for the duration of the PHE. Applications are only active for one (1) year.	This emergency rule is set to expire at the end of the PHE, but the GBON could reissue it pursuant to the June 30 SOE.	Certain individuals who previously practiced as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in the state of Georgia can go through an expedited process to have their LPN license reinstated. Specifically, this emergency rule does not require documentation of completion of one of the two continuing competency requirements as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 43-26-39 within two (2) years of the date of application for reinstatement. During the time this rule is effective, it shall replace GBON 410-4.02, which sets forth the licensure requirements for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) seeking reinstatement.	<a href="#">LPN Licensure by Reinstatement Verification</a>	Facilities should identify LPNs who receive temporary permits under Emergency Rule 410-4-0.7-.02. Standard requirements for LPN licensure by reinstatement renewals are set forth in Rule 410-4.	<a href="#">LPN Licensure by Reinstatement Application Process</a>
	<a href="#">Emergency Rule 410-4-0.6-.01 - Licensure by Reinstatement (RN)</a>	RN licenses granted through this emergency rule do not expire at the end of the PHE. This emergency rule shall be effective for the duration of the PHE. Applications are only active for one (1) year.	This emergency rule is set to expire at the end of the PHE, but the GBON could reissue it pursuant to the June 30 SOE.	Certain individuals who previously practiced as a Registered Nurse (RN) in the state of Georgia can go through an expedited process to have their RN license reinstated. Specifically, this emergency rule does not require documentation of completion of one of the two continuing competency requirements as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 43-26-39 within two (2) years of the date of application for reinstatement. During the time this rule is effective, it shall replace Rule 410-4.01, which sets forth the licensure requirements for RNs seeking reinstatement.	<a href="#">RN Licensure by Reinstatement Verification</a>	Facilities should identify individuals who receive temporary permits under Emergency Rule 410-4-0.6-0.1. Standard requirements for RN licensure by reinstatement renewals are set forth in Rule 410-4.	<a href="#">RN Licensure by Reinstatement Application Process</a>
	<a href="#">June 30, 2021 Executive Order - LPN COVID-19 Vaccine Administration (Page 14)</a>	N/A	This emergency authorization is effective while the June 30 SOE, is in effect.	This emergency authorization permits an LPN to administer the COVID-19 vaccine if they are remotely supervised by a physician, Physician's Assistant (PA), APRN, or RN.	N/A	Facilities should identify individuals who had been administering the COVID-19 vaccine pursuant to this emergency authorization and alert them to changes that will need to take place when this authorization expires. Standard requirements for vaccine protocol agreements are set forth in O.C.G.A. § 43-34-26.1.	<a href="#">O.C.G.A. § 43-34-26.1 - Vaccine Protocol Agreements</a>
	<a href="#">Emergency Rule 410-4-0.6-.06 - Temporary Permits for Administration of COVID-19 Vaccines</a> <a href="#">June 30, 2021 Executive Order - Temporary Permits to Administer COVID-19 Vaccine Section (Pages 14-15)</a>	Under this emergency rule, temporary permits shall be effective for the duration of the June 30 SOE and for a period of not more than sixty (60) days following the end of the emergency period.	This emergency rule is effective during the June 30 SOE and for a period of not more than sixty (60) days following the end of the June 30 SOE.	GBON shall issue temporary permits to inactive or retired nurses for the sole purpose of administering the COVID-19 vaccine and to monitor a patient for any adverse reactions in the subsequent observation period. These permits may be granted to practitioners who held a license issued by the GBON that has lapsed or become inactive within five (5) years prior to <b>June 30, 2021</b> and are not subject to any disciplinary action.		Facilities should identify individuals who received temporary permits under Emergency Rule 410-4-0.6-.06. Standard requirements for Georgia resident licensure by reinstatement are set forth in Rules 410-4-.01 (RN), 410-4-.02 (LPN), and 410-11-.11 (APRN). Non-residents may seek reinstatement through endorsement or international examination.	<a href="#">Full Licensure Application Process</a>

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Georgia Composite Medical Board (GCMB)	<a href="#">Rule 360-2-.13 - Emergency Practice Permits for Out of State Physicians</a>	Emergency practice permits that GCMB issues pursuant to this Rule will expire when the June 30 SOE is terminated or ceases to be renewed.	The GCMB is authorized to issue these emergency practice permits as long as the June 30 SOE is in effect.	This rule authorizes the GCMB to grant temporary licenses to physicians that apply and are currently licensed and in good standing by equivalent boards in other states during a declared disaster or state of emergency.	<a href="#">Look Up A Licensee</a>	Facilities should identify the individuals who have received an emergency practice permit under Rule 360-2-.13. Full licensure information for various practitioners may be found on the GCMB's website.	<a href="#">Full Licensure Application Information</a>
	<a href="#">June 30, 2021 Executive Order - Temporary Licenses Section (Page 3)</a>						
	<a href="#">Emergency Rule 360-3-0.10-.08 - Practice Through Electronic or Other Such Means During a State of Emergency</a>	N/A	This emergency rule is effective during the June 30 SOE.	A Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)-registered practitioner may issue prescriptions during the June 30 SOE related to COVID-19 for controlled substances to patients for whom they have not conducted an in-person medical evaluation under certain conditions.	N/A	Facilities should identify individuals who have issued prescriptions for controlled substances under Emergency Rule 360-3-0.10-.08 and alert them to changes that will need to take place when this emergency rule expires.	<a href="#">Rule 360-3-07 - Practice Through Electronic or Other Such Means</a>
	<a href="#">June 30, 2021 Executive Order - Lapsed or Inactive Licenses Section (Pages 3-4)</a>	N/A	This emergency authorization is effective while the June 30 SOE is in effect.	This emergency authorization permits the practice of medicine, surgery, osteopathic medicine, and osteopathic surgery by a licensee whose license is inactive or has lapsed within five (5) years prior to <b>June 30, 2021</b> when dealing with patients or victims of COVID-19. This does not apply to licenses subject to pending investigation or adverse action.	N/A	Facilities should identify individuals who have been practicing under this emergency authorization and alert them to changes that will need to take place when this emergency authorization expires. Full licensure information for various practitioners may be found on the GCMB's website.	<a href="#">Full Licensure Application Information</a>
	<a href="#">Emergency Rule 360-5-.11-.10 - Physician's Assistants in Emergencies</a>	N/A	EXPIRED	This emergency rule permits PAs to provide care at a scene where a need for medical care exists or at a relief site under the supervision that is available at the site in certain circumstances.	N/A	Facilities should identify PAs who have been practicing under Emergency Rule 360-5-.11-.10 and alert them to changes that will need to take place when this emergency rule expires.	<a href="#">Rule 360-5 - Physician's Assistants</a>
	<a href="#">June 30, 2021 Executive Order - Medical Assistant Administration of COVID-19 Vaccine (Pages 13-14)</a>	N/A	This emergency authorization is effective while the June 30 SOE is in effect.	This emergency authorization permits a medical assistant to administer the COVID-19 vaccine if they are remotely supervised by a physician, PA, APRN, or RN.	N/A	Facilities should identify individuals who have been practicing under this emergency authorization and alert them to changes that will need to take place when this emergency authorization expires.	<a href="#">Rule 360-3-.05 - Medical Assistants, Polysomnography Technologists, and Radiology Technologists</a>
	<a href="#">June 30, 2021 Executive Order - PA Administration of COVID-19 Vaccine Section (Page 15)</a>	N/A	This emergency authorization is effective while the June 30 SOE is in effect.	This emergency authorization permits a PA to administer the COVID-19 vaccine even if COVID-19 vaccine administration is not in the PA's job description approved by the GCMB.	N/A	Facilities should identify individuals who have been practicing under this emergency authorization and alert them to changes that will need to take place when this emergency authorization expires.	<a href="#">Rule 360-5 - Physician's Assistants</a>
	<a href="#">Emergency Rule 360-15-0.12-.01 - Continuing Education Requirements for Physicians</a>	This emergency rule applies to 2020 and 2021 licensure renewals.	Although this emergency rule expired, upon expiration of the PHE, the flexibilities that it provided for continuing education requirements are still in effect for 2020 and 2021 licensure renewals.	Pursuant to this Emergency Rule, GCMB waived certain continuing medical education requirements for licensure renewals submitted during 2020 and 2021.	N/A	Standard continuing education requirements are set forth in Rule 360-15.	<a href="#">Rule 360-15 - Continuing Education</a>

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Georgia Board of Pharmacy (BOP)	<a href="#">June 30, 2021 Executive Order - Temporary Licenses for Out of State Pharmacists Section (Page 3)</a>	Pursuant to Rule 480-2-.06(4)(b), temporary licenses issued by the BOP generally expire at the end of the month following the third BOP meeting conducted after the issuance of such license and may not be reissued or renewed.	This emergency authorization is effective while the June 30 SOE is in effect.	Authorizes the BOP to grant temporary licenses to pharmacists that apply and are currently licensed and in good standing by equivalent boards in other states.	<a href="#">Temporary Pharmacist License Verification</a>	Facilities should identify individuals who have been practicing under this emergency authorization and alert them to changes that will need to take place when this emergency authorization expires. Out of state pharmacists who wish to continue practicing in Georgia will need to pursue licensure with the BOP.	<a href="#">BOP Applications and Forms</a>
	<a href="#">June 30, 2021 Executive Order - Flexibilities for Pharmacist Supervision of Interns for COVID-19 Vaccinations Section (Page 13)</a>	N/A	This emergency authorization is effective while the June 30 SOE is in effect.	This authorization permits pharmacists to be assisted by and directly supervise more than one (1) pharmacy intern at a time for the limited purpose of supporting COVID-19 vaccination efforts.	N/A	Facilities should identify individuals who have been practicing under this emergency authorization and alert them to changes that will need to take place when this emergency authorization expires. Standard supervision requirements are set forth in Rule 480-15.	<a href="#">Rule 480-15-03 - Use of Registered Pharmacy Technicians and Other Pharmacy Personnel</a>
	<a href="#">Emergency Rule 480-15-0.45-.07 Temporary Pharmacy Technician Registration</a>	Temporary pharmacy technician registrations issued pursuant to this emergency rule are active until <b>August 30, 2021</b> .	This emergency rule is expired; however, temporary pharmacy technician registrations issued pursuant to this emergency rule are active until <b>August 30, 2021</b> .	An applicant may be issued a Temporary Pharmacy Technician Registration when certain conditions are met, including that the applicant is at least seventeen (17) years old, submits a completed application, and is currently enrolled in a BOP-approved education program. During the time this rule is effective, it shall replace Rule 480-15-.02, which sets forth the registration requirements for pharmacy technician applicants.	<a href="#">Temporary Pharmacy Technician Licensee Verification</a>	Facilities should identify individuals who have been practicing under Emergency Rule 480-15-0.45-.07 and alert them to changes that will need to take place when this emergency authorization expires. Standard requirements for pharmacy technician registration is set forth in Rule 480-15-.02.	<a href="#">Pharmacy Technician Application</a>
	<a href="#">Emergency Rule 480-36-0.42-.08 - Remote Order Verification for Retail Pharmacy Permits</a>	N/A	This emergency rule is expired; however, the June 30 SOE sets forth flexibilities for Locations for Remote Data Processing on page 4. Please see below.	A retail pharmacy may employ remote order entry and process a prescription or patient information from a location other than the location from which the prescription medication is received and dispensed when certain conditions are met.	N/A	The standard remote order verification process is set forth in Rule 480-36.	<a href="#">Rule 480-36 - Retail Pharmacy Requirements for Remote Prescription Drug Order Processing</a>
	<a href="#">June 30, 2021 Executive Order - Locations for Remote Data Processing Section (Page 4)</a>	N/A	This emergency authorization is effective while the June 30 SOE is in effect.	The BOP shall suspend O.C.G.A. 26-4-82(c)(2) and Rule 480-15-.03(d)(2) to the extent necessary to allow pharmacy technicians and pharmacists to complete computer-based processing of prescriptions at alternative locations, including from the residence of the pharmacist.	N/A	The standard prescription processing requirements for pharmacy technicians is set forth in Rule 480-15-.03.	<a href="#">Rule 480-15-03 - Use of Registered Pharmacy Technicians and Other Pharmacy Personnel</a>
	<a href="#">March 20, 2020 Executive Order - Reducing Regulations to Assist the State's Response to the Spread of COVID-19 (Page 2)</a>	N/A	EXPIRED	A licensed Georgia pharmacist is permitted to dispense a ninety (90) day supply of a prescription drug in the event that a patient has no remaining refills and the pharmacist is unable to contact the issuing practitioner to obtain refill authorization. This emergency authorization may be used only one per prescription and shall not apply to prescriptions for Schedule II controlled substances.	N/A	Facilities should identify individuals who have been dispensing prescriptions pursuant to this emergency authorization and alert them to changes that will need to occur when this emergency authorization expires.	<a href="#">Rule 480 - Rules of Georgia State Board of Pharmacy</a>
	<a href="#">March 20, 2020 Executive Order - Reducing Regulations to Assist the State's Response to the Spread of COVID-19 (Page 2)</a>	N/A	EXPIRED	A licensed Georgia pharmacist is permitted to dispense early refill prescriptions for prescription drugs. This emergency authorization shall not apply to prescriptions for Schedule II controlled substances.	N/A	Facilities should identify individuals who have been dispensing prescriptions pursuant to this emergency authorization and alert them to changes that will need to occur when this emergency authorization expires.	<a href="#">Rule 480 - Rules of Georgia State Board of Pharmacy</a>
	<a href="#">Waiver of Practical Examination</a>	N/A	This emergency rule will expire on <b>October 29, 2021</b> .	The BOP adopted emergency rules temporarily waiving the practical examination from licensing requirements. All applicants for pharmacist licensure must still successfully pass the NAPLEX and jurisprudence examination (MPJE) administered by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP).	N/A	The standard requirements for examinations are set forth in Rule 480-2-.05 and 480-2-.04.	<a href="#">Rule 480-2- Licensure As A Pharmacist</a>
	<a href="#">Emergency Rule 480-22-0.44-.16 Emergency Schedule II Prescription Drug Order</a>	N/A	EXPIRED	In the case of an emergency situation, a pharmacist may dispense a Schedule II controlled substance only upon receiving oral authorization of the prescribing practitioner. Such emergency dispensing is permissible when certain conditions are met.	N/A	Facilities should identify individuals who have been dispensing controlled substances under Emergency Rule 480-22-0.44-.16. Standard requirements of a Schedule II controlled substance prescription drug order are set forth in Rule 480-22-.04.	<a href="#">Rule 480-22-.04 - Requirements of a Schedule II (C-II) Controlled Substance Prescription Drug Order</a>
	<a href="#">Emergency Rule 480-48-0.43-.04 - Delivery by Mail</a>	N/A	EXPIRED	Any pharmacy may employ the U.S. Postal Service or a common commercial carrier to deliver a drug once a patient with a prescription has requested that a pharmacy deliver by mail his or her filled prescription drugs. Any pharmacy providing delivery by mail to its patients is required to follow applicable Georgia laws and rules.	N/A	The standard requirements for delivery by mail are set forth in Rule 480-48.	<a href="#">Rule 480-48 - Delivery By Mail</a>

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Georgia Board of Physical Therapy (GBPT)	<a href="#">Emergency Rule 490-5-0.1-.01 – Responsibility of Licensed Physical Therapist in Supervision and Direction of the Physical Therapist Assistant and Adequate Supervision Defined</a>	N/A	This emergency rule shall expire on <b>July 31, 2021</b> .	A licensed physical therapist may provide adequate supervision to the physical therapist assistant (PTA) and PTA student as required in Rule 490-5-.01 and 490-5-.02 through audio and video technology as appropriate.	N/A	Facilities should identify individuals who have been practicing under Emergency Rule 490-5-0.1-.01 and alert them to changes that will need to take place when this emergency rule expires. The standard supervision and direction of PTAs set forth in Rule 490-5.	<a href="#">Rule 490-5 - Supervision and Direction of Physical Therapy Assistant</a>
	<a href="#">Emergency Rule 490-2-0.1-.04 – Training Permits</a>	The training permits shall expire on <b>July 31, 2021</b> .	This emergency rule shall expire on <b>July 31, 2021</b> .	Graduates of Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) accredited entry level physical therapy or physical therapist assistant programs may be issued a training permit upon approval of the GBPT if the graduate meets certain conditions.	<a href="#">Approved Training Permits for Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants List</a>	Facilities should identify individuals who have been practicing under Emergency Rule 490-2-0.1-.04 and alert them to changes that will need to take place when this emergency rule expires. A training permit holder may seek a physical therapy or PTA license from the GBPT. The full licensure process includes a completed application and background check, among other things.	<a href="#">Physical Therapy and Physical Therapy Assistant Application Process</a>
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	<a href="#">Emergency Rule 511-9-2-0.3-.20 - COVID-19 Response</a>	N/A	This emergency rule shall expire on <b>October 29, 2021</b> .	This emergency rule relates to ambulatory staffing requirements, dispatch waivers, and reporting requirements, among other things.	N/A	Facilities should identify individuals practicing under Emergency Rule 511-9-2-0.3-.20 and alert them to changes that will need to take place when this emergency rule expires. The standard requirements for EMS are set forth in Rule 511-9-2.	<a href="#">Rule 511-9-2 - Emergency Medical Services</a>
Georgia Board of Podiatry	<a href="#">Emergency Rule 500-5-0.10.01 - Continuing Education Hours</a>	N/A	This emergency rule shall expire on <b>October 29, 2021</b> .	Licensees who apply to renew licenses expiring <b>August 31, 2021</b> , may obtain all 50 hours of continuing education, approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) and/or the Georgia Podiatric Medical Educational Foundation (GPMEF), online in order to satisfy the continuing education requirements outlined within Rule 500-5-.01.	N/A	Standard continuing education requirements are set forth in Rule 500-5.	<a href="#">Rule 500-5 - Continuing Podiatric Medical Education</a>
Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH)	<a href="#">March 20, 2020 Executive Order - Reducing Regulations to Assist the State's Response to the Spread of COVID-19 (Pages 4-5)</a>	N/A	This flexibility shall expire on <b>September 29, 2021</b> .	DCH is authorized and directed to implement a suspension of O.C.G.A. § 31-2-7, which sets forth variances and waivers for facility licensure, to reduce the administrative burden on health care facilities and the state in responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.	N/A	N/A	<a href="#">O.C.G.A. § 31-2-7 - Variances and Waivers to Rules and Regulations Establishing Licensure Standards for Facilities; Exemption of Classes of Facilities from Regulation</a>
	<a href="#">July 22, 2021 Executive Order - Suspension of CON Requirements Section (Page 16)</a>	N/A	This flexibility shall expire on <b>November 27, 2021</b> .	DCH is authorized and directed to implement the suspension of O.C.G.A. § 31-6-40, which sets forth Certificate of Need requirements, where such suspension would permit capable facilities to expand capacity, offer services, or make expenditures necessary to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.	N/A	Standard Certificate of Need requirements are set forth in O.C.G.A. § 31-6-40 et seq.	<a href="#">Suspension Request Form</a> <a href="#">O.C.G.A. § 31-6-40 et seq. - Certificate of Need Program</a>
	<a href="#">March 20, 2020 Executive Order - Reducing Regulations to Assist the State's Response to the Spread of COVID-19 (Pages 4-5)</a>	N/A	This emergency authorization is set to expire at the end of the PHE, but DCH may request that this authorization be extended pursuant to the June 30 SOE.	The DCH Commissioner or his designee is authorized and directed to implement waivers of those rules and regulation necessary to prohibit the prevention or delay of necessary action to assist or aid in responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.	N/A	N/A	N/A
	<a href="#">March 20, 2020 Executive Order - Reducing Regulations to Assist the State's Response to the Spread of COVID-19 (Pages 4-5)</a>	N/A	The final reports that DCH may require from health care facilities and providers pursuant to this authorization were scheduled to be due upon the expiration of the PHE, but DCH may reissue a requirement for reports pursuant to the June 30 SOE.	DCH is authorized and directed to require from health care facilities and providers reports confirming actions taken to assist, aid, or cope with the Public Health Emergency on an as-needed basis with a final reporting to be provided upon the expiration of the PHE.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists	<a href="#">Emergency Rule 135-14-0.5 - Authorization for Limited Practice of Out of State Practitioners</a>	N/A	This emergency rule is effective while the June 30 SOE is in effect, and for a period of 120 days thereafter.	Permits the Board to authorize practitioners who are currently licensed and in good standing by another state to utilize telehealth services to provide services to existing clients who relocated to Georgia during COVID-19. The Board shall issue guidelines and procedures for such temporary licenses, and any regulations that would inhibit such temporary licensure shall be suspended.	<a href="#">Licensure Verification</a>	Facilities should identify individuals practicing under Emergency Rule 135-14-0.5 and alert them to changes that will need to take place when this emergency rule expires. Out of state practitioners who wish to continue providing services to Georgia residents upon the expiration of the June 30 SOE can seek licensure from the Board.	<a href="#">Application Forms</a>
	<a href="#">June 30, 2021 Executive Order - Authorization for Limited Practice of Out of State Practitioners (Pages 9-10)</a>						

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Georgia Board of Dentistry (BOD)	<a href="#">June 30, 2021 Executive Order - Permits Licensed Dentists to Administer COVID-19 Vaccinations (Page 13)</a>	N/A	This emergency authorization is effective while the June 30 SOE is in effect.	This authorization permits licensed dentists to administer COVID-19 vaccines.	N/A	Facilities should identify individuals administering COVID-19 vaccines under this emergency authorization and alert them to changes that will need to take place when this emergency authorization expires. Standard dentist scope of practice requirements are set forth in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-11-1 -- 23.	<a href="#">O.C.G.A. §§ 43-11-1 -- 23</a>
	<a href="#">Temporary Use of Telehealth Dental Services Policy</a>	N/A	This policy is set to expire at the end of the PHE, but the BOD could reissue it pursuant to the June 30 SOE.	During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the BOD permitted licensed dentists to use any non-public facing remote communication product that is available to communicate with patients.	N/A	Facilities should identify individuals practicing under this policy and alert them to changes that will need to take place when the policy expires.	<a href="#">HHS Notification of Enforcement Discretion for Telehealth Remote Communications During the COVID-19 Nationwide Public Health Emergency</a>
	<a href="#">June 30, 2021 Executive Order - Temporary Licenses to Dentists Section (Page 9)</a>		This emergency authorization is effective while the June 30 SOE is in effect.	Authorizes the BOD to issue temporary licenses to dental license applicants who graduated in 2020 and are unable to take the licensing examination as a result of COVID-19.	<a href="#">Temporary Dentist Licensees</a>	Facilities should identify individuals practicing under this emergency authorization and alert them to changes that will need to take place when this emergency authorization expires. Standard requirements for dental licensure set forth in Rule 150-3-.04.	<a href="#">Rule 150-3-.04 - Dentistry License Requirements</a>
	<a href="#">June 30, 2021 Executive Order - Temporary Licenses to Dental Hygienist Applicants Section (Pages 8-9)</a>		This emergency authorization is effective while the June 30 SOE is in effect.	Authorizes the BOD to issue temporary licenses to dental hygienist applicants who graduated in 2020 and are unable to take the licensing examination as a result of COVID-19.	<a href="#">Temporary Dental Hygienist Licensees</a>	Facilities should identify individuals practicing under this emergency authorization and alert them to changes that will need to take place when this emergency authorization expires. Standard qualification requirements for dental hygienists are set forth in Rule 150-5-.02.	<a href="#">Rule 150-5-.02 - Qualifications for Dental Hygienists</a>
	<a href="#">June 30, 2021 Executive Order - Clinical Competencies Examination Section (Pages 15-16)</a>	Licenses issued pursuant to this authorization shall not be issued as temporary, provisional, or conditional licenses unless requested by the applicant or otherwise permitted by law or regulation	This emergency authorization is effective while the June 30 SOE is in effect.	Suspends requirements that regional dental examinations for the assessment of clinical competencies be performed on human subjects or on certain manikin-based typodonts to the extent necessary to allow dental license applicants to submit results from certain tests administered by either the Central Regional Dental Testing Service or American Board of Dental Examiners.	<a href="#">Temporary Dental Hygienist Licensees</a>	Standard requirements for the assessment of clinical competencies are set forth in Rule 150-3.	<a href="#">Rule 150-3 - License Requirements</a>
Vaccine Administration (Multiple Responsible Agencies)	<a href="#">June 30, 2021 Executive Order - Vaccine Administration by Pharmacists and Nurses Section (Page 13)</a>	N/A	This emergency authorization is effective while the June 30 SOE is in effect.	Pursuant to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services guidance issued pursuant to the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act, any state laws and regulations, including O.C.G.A. § 43-34-26.1, which limits the types of vaccines that pharmacists and nurses are permitted to administer, are suspended to the extent necessary to administer the COVID-19 vaccine, with or without a vaccine protocol agreement. Vaccines shall be administered in accordance with guidance from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and pursuant to the PREP Act Declaration.	N/A	Facilities should identify individuals who had been administering the COVID-19 vaccine pursuant to this emergency authorization and alert them to changes that will need to take place when this authorization expires.	<a href="#">Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP) Declaration Information</a>
	<a href="#">May 28, 2021 Executive Order - Additional Guidance for Empowering a Healthy Georgia (Pages 10-11)</a>	N/A	EXPIRED	Any state laws and regulations that prohibit a pharmacist or nurse from administering vaccinations while a patient is in a vehicle is suspended to the extent necessary to allow a pharmacist or nurse to administer a COVID-19 vaccine to a patient in a vehicle.	N/A	Facilities should identify individuals who had been administering the COVID-19 vaccine pursuant to this emergency authorization and alert them to changes that will need to take place when this authorization expires.	N/A

\* Please note that this Summary does not address certain Medicaid and Medicare waivers or flexibilities provided to providers pursuant to the federal public health emergency.

	<a href="#">Federal Medicare 1135 Waivers and Other Flexibilities</a>
	<a href="#">Federal Medicaid 1135 Waivers - Georgia Third Request</a>
	<a href="#">Federal Medicaid 1135 Waivers - Georgia Second Request</a>
	<a href="#">Federal Medicaid 1135 Waivers - Georgia First Request</a>
	<a href="#">Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) for Disaster Relief</a>
	<a href="#">CHIP SPA for Disaster Relief</a>

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