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DATE: December 22, 2021

SUBJECT: [Commissioner's Order: Temporary Suspension of State Licensure Requirement for Selected Professions](#)

In accord with authority provided under the General Statutes, the Commissioner of Public Health has issued an order suspending **for a period of sixty (60) consecutive days or until February 15, 2022, if the public health emergency is not extended**, the requirement of licensure, certification or registration for the following health care professionals who are appropriately licensed, certified, or registered in another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia. The temporary suspension of licensure, certification, or registration to practice in Connecticut applies to:

- Physicians
- Physician Assistants
- APRNs
- Registered Nurses
- Licensed Practice Nurses
- Psychologists
- Marital and Family Therapists
- Clinical and Master Social Workers
- Professional Counselors

The out-of-state professional must comply with all provisions of the order to practice in Connecticut including that they are in good standing in their home state and have appropriate malpractice insurance. The order permits



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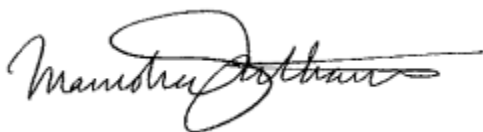


both in-person practice and telehealth services provided that the telehealth provider complies with the requirements of the recently enacted [Public Act 21-9](#) (“Act”) that regulates telehealth providers. Providers who plan to provide telehealth services under this order should read carefully the obligations of such practice set forth in the Act.

As the law that permits the suspension of licensure, certification or registration during a public health emergency is limited to sixty (60) days, any out of state licensed provider who practices in Connecticut under the authority of this *temporary* order should apply for a Connecticut license through the Connecticut Department of Public Health (Department). Licensure will help ensure that the care a practitioner provides to any client or patient in Connecticut does not abruptly stop once the order expires and the practitioner’s authority to practice without a Connecticut license ends. Connecticut licensure is especially important for practitioners that enter a therapeutic relationship with a patient or client involving mental health treatment. Practitioners may visit www.ct.gov/dph and click on “practitioner licensing” to begin the online application process.

It is important for every licensure applicant to know:

- The applicant is responsible for arranging the submission of all required documentation for timely completion of the application. The most common reason for delays in issuing a license is failure of the applicant to submit all required documentation.
- The applicant is required to arrange for all supporting documents to be submitted directly to the Department from the source. This requirement is considered prime source verification of the applicant's education and training and all other requirements for licensure.
- Applicants may check the status of their application and see a list of documents that are outstanding by logging into their online [account](#) and selecting 'License Status' under 'Online Services'. Applicants can login with the user ID and password created to file the application online.
- At such time as an application is complete, the Department will determine eligibility. Upon approval of an application, the licensee will receive email notification that will contain the license number and the effective date.
- The Department does not have the authority to issue a license to any applicant who does not demonstrate that they meet all current licensure requirements per statute.

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