

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

POLICY 2020-05

INTERIM POLICY ON EMERGENCY TEMPORARY LICENSES

June 25, 2020

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. 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 License is valid until December 31, 2020 or until 30 days after the Governor rescinds Executive Order No. 591 or 30 days after the State of Emergency is terminated, whichever occurs last.