

AMENDED PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure issued a Proclamation announcing that it would not enforce any statute, rule or regulation requiring physicians to personally examine patients prior to the issuance of a prescription or order for the administration of medication, including controlled substances, all in an effort to encourage the use of telemedicine during the state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, as to out-of-state physicians, it was the intent of the Board to limit the Proclamation to those out-of-state physicians who already have a pre-existing doctor-patient relationship with patients in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, in order to clarify the Board's Proclamation, the Board finds it necessary to issue this Amended Proclamation.

NOW THEREFORE, until action taken by the Governor of the state of Mississippi to lift the emergency, out-of-state physicians may utilize telemedicine when treating patients in Mississippi with whom they have a pre-existing doctor-patient relationship, without the necessity of securing a license to practice medicine in the state, provided the out of state physician holds an unrestricted license to practice medicine in the state in which the physician practices and currently is not the subject of an investigation or disciplinary proceeding and so advises the Board.

FURTHER, as to in-state physicians, when practicing telemedicine, the requirement for a pre-existing doctor-patient relationship does not apply.

FURTHER, every physician shall access the Prescription Monitoring Program when a controlled substance prescription is issued. However, urine drug screens shall not be required.

FURTHER, every physician shall conduct an evaluation of the patient's current condition and document the appropriate medical indication for the prescription.

FURTHER, as used herein, the word "physician" or "physicians" shall include medical doctors (M.D.), doctors of osteopathy (D.O.) and podiatric physicians. This Proclamation shall also apply to physician assistants.

FURTHER, except as amended herein, the Proclamation of the Board issued on March 15, 2020 shall remain in full force and effect.

FURTHER, the Executive Director shall provide notice to all licensees at such time as this proclamation has been lifted. Notice shall be provided by email and on the Board's website.

SO ORDERED AND APPROVED by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, this is the 24th day of March, 2020.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

By: 
Kenneth Cleveland, Executive Director