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Subject: OHA Vaccine Mandate / Remote Telemedicine Practice Information

Good Afternoon,

The Board received several messages from licensees regarding whether or not the OHA Administrative Rule [333-019-1010 COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement for Healthcare Providers and Healthcare Staff in Healthcare Settings](#); applies to healthcare providers engaged in exclusively remote telemedicine practice. I reached out to OHA and they provided the below answer / guidance:

Q. Is a healthcare provider engaged exclusively in a remote telemedicine practice subject to the healthcare provider vaccination rule?

A. No, though the Oregon Health Authority encourages all healthcare providers and all eligible Oregonians to get vaccinated in order to protect themselves and others. A healthcare provider who does not provide direct in-person patient care and does not have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients, residents, or infectious materials, is not subject to the vaccine requirement in OAR 333-019-1010. However, if a healthcare provider at any time does in-person patient care or, for work purposes, is at a healthcare setting where they do have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients, residents, or infectious materials, that provider is required to comply with the rule.

Reminders:

- This rule is administered and enforced by OHA, any further questions based on this information should be directed to OHA.
- All Oregon statutes and rules start and stop at the borders of the state. **The physical location of the patient at the time of treatment determines jurisdiction.** Meaning, if your patient is physically located in another state at the time of treatment, the statutes and rules of that state apply. Please review the **Oregon Board of Telemedicine Guidelines** to ensure compliance.

Thank you.

Per Governor Kate Brown's [Executive Order 20-12](#), the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine is closed to the public. Board staff will primarily work remotely for the duration of the order, therefore, email is the most efficient mode of communication at this time. We appreciate your patience.

In Health;

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