



End of the Declared Emergency

Frequently Asked Questions

Effective April 1, 2022, the Governor will end the declared emergency in Oregon that has been in place since early March 2020. During the declared emergency, the Oregon Medical Board issued over 900 temporary authorizations for out of state physicians (MD/DO/DPM) and physician assistants (PA) to provide care to patients located in Oregon.

TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATIONS

1. I have been practicing under an emergency authorization, when does my authorization expire?

The emergency authorizations issued by the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) will expire when the declared emergency ends on April 1, 2022. However, the OMB adopted a temporary rule ([OAR 847-010-0066](#)) to automatically grant a 90-day limited license to all physicians and physician assistants who hold an active temporary authorization upon termination of the declared emergency. The temporary rule will allow these providers to continue providing care to Oregon patients through June 30, 2022.

2. Is there a grace period to continue practicing after the emergency ends?

All physicians and physician assistants who hold an active temporary authorization upon termination of the declared emergency will be granted a 90-day limited license to provide care to patients in Oregon through June 30, 2022. If a physician or physician assistant plans to practice in Oregon after June 30, 2022, they should start applying for Oregon licensure now to provide adequate time for the OMB to review and grant licensure prior to June 30, 2022, information is [available online](#).

3. Can I split up the 90-day limited license over several months?

The limited licensee will only be provided for the 90 consecutive days immediately following the end of the declared emergency. The limited licensee will be granted through June 30, 2022.

4. Is there a fee to continue practicing after the emergency ends?

There is no fee for the 90-day limited license. There are [fees](#) to apply for full licensure in Oregon.

5. Do I need to notify the Oregon Medical Board if I need to continue practicing in Oregon?

No. All physicians and physician assistants who hold an active temporary authorization upon termination of the declared emergency will automatically be granted a 90-day limited license to practice in Oregon. Information is [available online](#) for providers to apply for full licensure.

6. I would like to get a full license so that I can permanently practice in Oregon. How do I get started?

Information is [available online](#) for providers to apply for full licensure, specifically for [physicians](#) and [physician assistants](#). For questions about licensing, email licensing@omb.oregon.gov.



7. I did not have a temporary authorization under the declared emergency, may I apply for a 90-day limited license?

The 90-day limited license will **only** be provided to physicians and physician assistants who hold an active temporary authorization under OAR 847-010-0068(1), which was issued during the Governor-declared emergency.

8. I have additional questions who can I contact?

For questions related to physicians and physician assistants, please email info@omb.oregon.gov.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

1. What are the requirements for physician assistant practice on April 1, 2022?

[HB 4212](#) (2020 Special Session) suspended several requirements for physician assistants during the declared emergency. HB 4212, section 47 repeals those allowances when the emergency ends.

Starting April 1, 2022, all physician assistants will need a practice agreement to practice in Oregon and a supervising physician must provide regular and routine oversight and chart review. New practice agreements be submitted to the OMB within ten days of starting practice under the agreement.

2. Are there any changes for physician assistants practicing via telemedicine on April 1, 2022?

Although HB 4212, section 46 expanded a physician assistant's ability to practice via telemedicine during the declared emergency, those allowances were permanently incorporated into statute starting January 15, 2022. A physician assistant may continue providing care to Oregon patients via telemedicine, see [OMB's telemedicine webpage](#). A physician assistant would also need to meet the general requirements of statute and rule, including entering a practice agreement with an Oregon supervising physician.

3. Does a physician assistant with a 90-day limited license need a practice agreement?

Starting April 1, 2022, all physician assistants will need a practice agreement to practice in Oregon and a supervising physician must provide regular and routine oversight and chart review. New practice agreements must be submitted to the OMB within ten days of starting practice under the agreement. A [sample practice agreement](#) is available online.

4. What if I continued to practice under a practice agreement that was in place prior to March 2020, do I need a new practice agreement?

A physician assistant may continue practicing with a practice agreement that was in place prior to March 2020, as long as the agreement is still current and meets the requirements of statute and rule.



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5. Does the supervising physician still need to provide 8 hours of on-site supervision for a physician assistant?

No. The 8 hours of on-site supervision was removed from rule on January 15, 2022, and is no longer required. As provided in ORS 677.495 and OAR 847-050-0037, a supervising physician must provide regular and routine oversight and chart review.

6. When do collaboration agreements start?

Collaboration agreements become effective July 15, 2022. However, the law does not require a collaboration agreement until the end of 2023. A physician assistant may practice under an existing practice agreement or practice description during the transition period. See the OMB's [HB 3036 website](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for more information about changes to physician assistant practice.