

**Iowa Board of Physician Assistants
Guidelines Related to Governor Reynold's Proclamations & COVID-19**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Reynolds has issued a series of Proclamations of Disaster Emergency. In her Proclamations, Governor Reynolds had temporarily suspended a number of regulatory provisions applicable to various professions. The full text of the Proclamations are available on the Governor's website. The Board issues the following guidance regarding the Proclamations.

Physician Assistants Whose Licenses Expired or Lapsed within the Past Five Years

Governor Reynolds previously authorized physician assistants whose licenses lapsed or expired within the last five (5) years to provide services to COVID-19 patients without first reactivating their licenses. This Proclamation provision has now expired. All physician assistants who were providing services to COVID-19 patients without first reactivating their licenses must reactivate their licenses within sixty (60) days of the Proclamation expiring, which is Thursday, September 23, 2021.

License Renewals and Continuing Education

Governor Reynolds previously temporarily suspended regulations relating to license expirations and continuing education deadlines. This Proclamation provision has now expired. All physician assistants whose licenses are expired must renew their licenses within sixty (60) days of the Proclamation expiring, which is Thursday, September 23, 2021. If you have not completed the continuing education required to renew your license, attest that you have completed the requirement and complete all coursework within 60 days after the expiration of the proclamation. All continuing education may be completed online. If you do not renew your license within 60 days after the expiration of the proclamation, your license will become inactive and you may not practice until you: reactivate your license, complete all continuing education required by rule for reactivation, and pay the additional reactivation fee.

Telehealth

Governor Reynolds previously suspended the regulatory provisions that require Iowa licensure for providing remote or electronic physician assistant services to patients located in Iowa. This Proclamation provision has now expired. All physician assistants who provide services to patients located in Iowa must hold an Iowa license.

July 29, 2021