

PRESS RELEASE

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RE: Governor Tim Walz' Emergency Executive Order 20-46

On April 25, 2020, Governor Walz signed Emergency Executive Order 20-46 (EO 20-46) authorizing qualified out-of-state healthcare professionals to render aid in Minnesota to meet the healthcare needs of Minnesotans during the COVID 19 peacetime emergency declared by Emergency Executive Order 20-01 (EO 20-01) issued on March 13, 2020, and extended by Emergency Executive Order (EO 20-35) issued on April 13, 2020. EO 20-46 includes the following orders:

1. EO 20-46 applies only to out-of-state healthcare professionals who, to practice in their profession in Minnesota, would otherwise be required to obtain a license from the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice ("BMP") or the Minnesota Board of Nursing ("BON"). In EO 20-46, such healthcare professionals are referred to as "Out-of-State Healthcare Professionals."
2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 12.42, EO 20-46, Out-of-State Healthcare Professionals who hold an active, relevant license, certificate, or other permit in good standing issued by a state of the United States or the District of Columbia are authorized to render aid in Minnesota during the peacetime emergency.
3. Before rendering any aid in Minnesota, Out-of-State Healthcare Professionals must be engaged with a healthcare system or provider, such as a hospital, clinic, or other healthcare entity, in Minnesota.
4. A healthcare system or provider that engages an Out-of-State Healthcare Professional must verify that each Out-of-State Healthcare Professional authorized to practice under EO 20-46 holds an active, relevant license, certificate, or other permit in good standing issued by a state of the United States or the District of Columbia evidencing qualifications for the aid and professional work to be rendered in Minnesota.
5. A healthcare system or provider that engages an Out-of-State Healthcare Professional pursuant to EO 20-46 must file a report with the Minnesota Department of Health, no later than 60 days after termination of the peacetime emergency, that includes the number of Out-of-State Healthcare Professionals engaged, license type, and length of engagement.
6. When rendering aid under EO 20-46, an Out-of-State Healthcare Professional's license, certificate, or other permit has the same force and effect as if issued in Minnesota.
7. By rendering aid in Minnesota, Out-of-State Healthcare Professionals who would otherwise need to obtain a license from BMP or BON, must submit to the jurisdiction of that Minnesota Board, and that Board may revoke the authorization provided by EO 20-46 from any Out-of-State Healthcare Professional under the relevant Board's jurisdiction.

EO 20-46 does NOT require a Board process, such as an application, registration, or verification. The ability for an Out-of-State Healthcare Professional to render aid in Minnesota is reliant on engagement with a healthcare system or provider.

If you have questions, please visit the Board of Medical Practice website at: <https://mn.gov/boards/medical-practice/> and review Executive Order 20-46, <https://www.leg.state.mn.us/archive/execorders/20-46.pdf>