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ACTIONS TAKEN BY BOARD OF MEDICINE IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 (as of March 27, 2020)

- 1) Board of Medicine Proclamation dated March 18, 2020
 - a. The Medical Practice Act at Idaho Code § 54-1804(1)(d) provides that a person authorized to practice medicine in another state or country may practice medicine in Idaho while rendering medical care in time of disaster.
 - i. Therefore, physicians and PAs from other states or countries with valid licenses to practice medicine do not need an additional Idaho license to render care during COVID-19 state of emergency.
 - b. The Board will issue temporary 120-day licenses to retired and inactive physicians, PAs and RTs who have actively practiced within the last 5 years and held a license to practice in good standing from Idaho or any other state at the time of retirement or inactivity.
 - c. The Board encourages physicians, PAs and RTs to utilize telemedicine when possible to discourage patient travel and in-person interactions to obtain healthcare.
 - d. The Board will not enforce any regulation requiring provider to personally examine patient prior to issuing a prescription, including controlled substances, in compliance with federal law.
 - e. Out of state physicians, PAs, and RTs may practice in Idaho, including via telemedicine, without needing to secure an Idaho license to practice, provided the provider holds an unrestricted license in the state where they practice and is not the subject of investigation or disciplinary proceeding.
- 2) Board of Medicine Protocol Number 1—Temporary Licenses
 - a. The Board will issue 120-day temporary unrestricted licenses to qualified MDs, DOs, PAs, and RTs who have retired or hold an inactive license.
 - b. Applicant must have practiced within the last 5 years and have held a license to practice medicine in good standing from Idaho or another state at the time of retirement or inactivity.
 - c. These applications will be prioritized over standard licensure applications.
 - d. All application fees for these licenses have been waived.
 - e. Universal Application for Temporary Licensure is provided on the website.
- 3) Board of Medicine Protocol Number 2—Supervising Physicians
 - a. The Board will temporarily waive the registration requirement for physicians who wish to supervise PAs.
 - b. Physician needs to complete attestation form and maintain the completed form on-site at the practice location of the physician.
 - c. Physician must hold a license in good standing and perform supervisory duties in accordance with the community standard of care.
 - d. COVID-19 Supervising Physician Attestation Form is provided on the website.
- 4) Board of Medicine Protocol Number 3—PA Supervision

- a. To maximize mobility of PAs during COVID-19, PAs do not need to submit Delegation of Services Agreements to the Board for approval.
 - b. The Board waived the requirement that supervising physicians may supervise no more than 4 PAs, during the COVID-19 response and state of emergency in Idaho only.
 - c. Supervising physicians may document their supervision of PAs on the COVID-19 Modified Delegation of Services form, which is a roster of PAs supervised, and maintain such form on-site at all their practice locations and address of record with the Board.
 - d. Please note that IDAPA 22.01.03/031 provides that PAs and graduate PAs may render patient services that they are able to provide without supervision if responding to an emergency or state of disaster. Nonetheless, the Board would like to encourage PAs and Supervising Physicians to maintain these forms if possible.
 - e. COVID-19 Modified Delegation of Services Agreement is provided on the website.
- 5) Actions of Board at meeting of March 26, 2020 (these actions will be incorporated into protocols that are posted on the BOM website next week):
- a. To extend the FY2020 renewal cycle for all Board licensees to 90 days after the Idaho State of Emergency is lifted by the Governor; *information on this change will be sent to licensees in the next week.*
 - b. To extend the reporting of CMEs for the FY2020 renewal cycle to 90 days after the Idaho State of Emergency is lifted by the Governor.
 - c. To allow graduated Respiratory Therapists and graduated Physician Assistants who have not yet completed their national certifying examination to qualify for the Board's 120-day COVID-19 temporary license with full practice privileges during the emergency.
 - d. To allow MD and DO Residents-in-Training (who have completed their internship) to qualify for the Board's 120-day COVID-19 temporary license with full practice privileges during the emergency.
 - e. To issue Guidelines regarding the prescription of chloroquine, hydroxychloroquine and azithromycin in line with Board of Pharmacy's amended rule 704 (more information below in Number 6).
- 6) Emergency Guidelines regarding Prescribing Chloroquine, Hydroxychloroquine and Azithromycin
- a. Guidelines for prescribing these medications based on Board of Pharmacy Rule 704 regarding dispensing these same medications.
 - b. The Guidelines were posted on the BOM website, e-mailed to all prescribing licensees of the Board, and forward to the IMA, IHA, and other medical boards in Idaho.
 - c. These guidelines are linked on the BOM website and attached here.
- 7) Suspended Rules
- a. The Board suspended several rules or parts of rules to accomplish the actions described above relating to licensure, renewal, and CMEs. A list of the suspended rules is linked on the BOM website.