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EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION FOR OUT-OF-STATE PHARMACISTS AND PHARMACY TECHNICIANS TO PRACTICE DURING THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

On March 10, 2020, Governor Charles D. Baker declared a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth to respond to the spread of COVID-19. On March 24, 2020, the Commissioner of Public Health issued an Order authorizing:

- (1) A pharmacist holding a pharmacist license in good standing (without any disciplinary or non-disciplinary condition or restriction) from a state other than Massachusetts may practice in the same manner as a Massachusetts licensed pharmacist on behalf of a Massachusetts licensed pharmacy or health care facility during the COVID-19 emergency period; and
- (2) a pharmacy technician holding a pharmacy technician license in good standing (without any disciplinary or non-disciplinary condition or restriction) from a state other than Massachusetts may work **within** a Massachusetts licensed pharmacy or health care facility during the COVID-19 emergency period without a Massachusetts pharmacy technician license.

In order for a pharmacist or pharmacy technician licensed in another state to practice on behalf of a Massachusetts licensed pharmacy or health care facility, the pharmacist or pharmacy technician shall:

- submit the attached completed application to the Board;
- receive written authorization from the Board prior to engaging in practice; and
- comply with all Massachusetts laws and regulations.

The authorization to practice on behalf of a Massachusetts licensed pharmacy or health care facility in accordance with the Order and this guidance is only valid during the COVID-19 emergency period and only upon receipt of written approval from the Board.