In light of unique challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts (“Board”) has identified ways the Board can contribute to the capacity of our state’s healthcare system to respond to potential spikes in the numbers of patients seeking access to treatment related to COVID-19. The Board will continuously assess the situation as it develops.

**LICENSE OPTIONS:**

1. **Temporary COVID-19 emergency licensure.**

   The Emergency Temporary License for COVID-19 response and mitigation is available for all health care professions regulated by the Board. The license will automatically cancel in 90 days, if not renewed, or 30 days after the declared Kansas state of emergency ends, whichever is sooner. All license fees will be waived for this license.

   **Requirements for this license are any of the following:**

   1. Currently hold a valid, full, active and unencumbered license in another state to engage in the same profession and are not the subject of any professional discipline or investigation in another state;
   2. Have held an active or exempt license in Kansas within the past 2 years, and such license was not suspended or revoked as a result of Board investigation or discipline;
   3. Currently hold a valid federally active license;
   4. Meet all requirements for licensure in Kansas (or reinstatement of licensure within 5 years of lapsed license) but are currently unable to pay the fee due to effects of the pandemic;
   5. Meet all requirements for licensure in Kansas except licensing examination due to the exam being cancelled as a result of the pandemic and there is no temporary license/permit available under the relevant Kansas practice act.

   **License application:** [COVID-19 Emergency Temporary License Application](#)

2. **Previously existing expedited practice options for physicians.**

   - Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (“IMLC”)
     - Kansas is a member of the IMLC compact.
Licensure through the IMLC is expedited for physicians who are eligible. To see if you are eligible, please see https://www.imlcc.org/apply/ or K.S.A. 65-28,133, Section 2(k)(1)-(9).

If you have received a license in another state through the IMLC, and your Letter of Qualification (“LOQ”) was issued within the past 365 days, you can quickly add Kansas. Please visit https://www.imlcc.org/add-states/, and select “Go to Add States.”

- **Exempt license.** An MD, DO, or DC who has an exempt license in Kansas can work at a local health department or an indigent healthcare clinic. K.S.A. 65-2809(f).
  - The Board encourages those who hold an exempt license and are not currently employed, but want to aid in the response, to contact a local health department or an indigent healthcare clinic to see if there is need for their employment.

- **Special permit for University of Kansas medical school graduates who have not yet begun post graduate program.** A graduate of the university of Kansas school of medicine who has not yet begun postgraduate training can apply for a special permit to provide charitable care in a medically underserved area under the supervision of a licensed Kansas physician. K.S.A. 65-2811a.
  - To receive an application for a special permit, please email KSBHA_Licensing@ks.gov.

3. **Military service members and spouses.**

- Military service members and their spouses receive prioritized licensing application processing under existing law, pursuant to K.S.A. 48-3406.

4. **Previously existing expedited practice option for physician assistants.** *(And see section D., below, for more information on waiver of certain regulatory requirements relating to PA practice).*

- **Exempt license.** A PA who has an exempt license in Kansas can work at a local health department or an indigent healthcare clinic. K.S.A. 65-28a03(g).
  - The Board encourages those who hold an exempt license and are not currently employed, but want to aid in the response, to contact a local health department or an indigent healthcare clinic to see if there is need for their employment.

5. **Previously existing expedited practice options for Respiratory Therapists.**

- **Special permits** are available for students enrolled in an approved RT program and practice respiratory therapy under the supervision of a licensed respiratory therapist. K.S.A. 65-5508(c).
  - Expires 30 days after graduation

- **Temporary licenses** are available for those who meet requirements for permanent licensure or meet requirements for permanent licensure except the exam. K.S.A. 65-5508(d).
  - Valid for up to 6 months
Under K.S.A. 65-5514(b), the following individuals are not construed to be practicing respiratory therapy and therefore are not required to be licensed:

- Persons rendering assistance in the case of an emergency.
- Persons whose services are performed under the delegation of and under the supervision of a Kansas licensed respiratory therapist.
- Students while in attendance of an approved respiratory program and under the supervision of a licensed respiratory therapist.

6. **Previously existing expedited practice options for Radiologic Technologists.**

- **Temporary licenses** are available for those who meet all qualifications for licensure, or those who meet requirements for licensure except the exam. K.S.A. 65-7305(b).
  - Valid for up to 180 days

- Under K.S.A. 65-7304, the following individuals do not need a Kansas radiologic technology license to provide radiologic technology services:
  - A Kansas licensed physician, dentist, podiatrist, chiropractor, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse or naturopathic doctor.
  - A person who has a Kansas postgraduate permit.
  - Radiologic technology students under the supervision of a qualified instructor.
  - Persons rendering assistance in the case of an emergency.
  - A licensed physician assistant, nurse, or unlicensed person who has been trained on the proper use of the equipment, working under the supervision of a licensed practitioner.
  - A licensed physician assistant, nurse, or unlicensed person who has been trained on the proper use of the equipment, working under the supervision of a person designated by a hospital licensed by KDHE.

7. **Previously existing expedited practice options for Physical Therapists/Physical Therapy Assistants.**

- **Exempt license.** A physical therapist or physical therapy assistant who has an exempt license in Kansas can work at a local health department or an indigent healthcare clinic. K.S.A. 65-2910(f)(1).

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1 Any patient monitoring assessment or other procedures designed to evaluate the effectiveness of prescribed respiratory therapy must be performed by or pursuant to the delegation of a licensed respiratory therapist or other health care provider.

2 See K.A.R. 100-55-11 (Delegation and supervision of respiratory therapy procedures performed by an unlicensed person).

3 Required to obtain 12 CEUs each calendar year meeting criteria of K.A.R. 100-73-7.

4 Id.
The Board encourages those who hold an exempt license and are not currently employed, but would like to aid in the response, to contact a local health department or an indigent healthcare clinic to see if they need their employment.

Temporary permits are available for physical therapist and physical therapy assistants who meet requirements for licensure or meet requirements for licensure except the exam. K.S.A. 65-2909(c).
  o Valid for up to 3 months

8. **Occupational Therapists/Occupational Therapy Assistants.**

Temporary licenses are available for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants who meet requirements for licensure or meet requirements for licensure except the exam.
  o Valid for up to 1 year