



# Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

## Division of Professional Regulation

### FAQ: OUT OF STATE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL TEMPORARY PRACTICE PERMIT - COVID-19

**What professions can apply for the Health Care Professional Temporary Practice Permit?** Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN), Registered Nurses (RN), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN), Physician Assistants (PA), Respiratory Care Practitioner (RCP), Physicians (MD), Registered Dietitians (RD), Clinical Professional Counselors (CPC), Professional Counselors (PC), Clinical Psychologists (CP), Physical Therapists (PT), Physical Therapist Assistants (PTA), Social Workers (LSW), Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW), Occupational Therapists (OT) and Occupational Therapists Assistants (OTA).

**What are the requirements to receive a Temporary Practice Permit?** You must have a current, active license for one of the professions above in good standing from another U.S. jurisdiction. You will be required to complete the [Health Care Temporary Practice Application](#), sign it and send it by email to [fpr.lmu@illinois.gov](mailto:fpr.lmu@illinois.gov).

**What if I am not currently licensed in a U.S. jurisdiction?** If you do not have an active license in a U.S. jurisdiction you are not eligible to receive a Temporary Practice Permit. Please visit <https://www.idfpr.com/profs/proflist.asp> for more specific information on how to apply for a permanent State of Illinois License.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE to Physician applicants:** Please be sure to complete the "Personal History for Physicians Only" portion of the form. Your application will not be accepted if you do not answer these questions.

**Is there a fee for this Temporary Permit Practice?** No, there is no fee (\$0) for the temporary practice permit related to the COVID-19.

**How long will this Temporary Practice Permit remain active?** The authorization to temporarily practice in the State of Illinois will expire on September 30, 2020. If you want to become permanently licensed in the State of Illinois, please visit <https://www.idfpr.com/profs/proflist.asp> for more information.

**How do I check the status of my application?** You will receive an email once the status of your application has been reviewed. Please allow at least a week for processing. If you have not received an email after two weeks, please call 1-888-473-4858 for an update.

**I don't have access to a computer, how can I submit my application?** If you do not have a computer, you can contact the Division Call Center at 1-888-473-4858 and request an application be mailed to you. However, this will result in a significant delay in the processing of your application.

**Will I receive a State of Illinois License Number?** No, you will not receive a traditional license number or code. You will receive a Permit authorizing you to practice according to the Proclamation issued by the Governor.

**Are there any restrictions on where I can practice with a Temporary Practice Permit?** Individuals that receive a Temporary Practice Permit are limited to working either under the direction of IEMA/IDPH pursuant to a declared disaster or under the direction of a state licensed long-term care facility, state regulated hospital, or federally qualified health center (FQHC), and are limited to providing treatment in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

**After I receive my Permit, how do I find ways to help?** If you wish to volunteer as a healthcare professional, please register at [illinoishelps.net](http://illinoishelps.net). You can also find other helpful information for healthcare professionals looking to volunteer during this epidemic. If you would like to seek employment or work for compensation you can reach out directly to a state licensed long-term care facility, state regulated hospital, or federally qualified health centers (FQHC) to see if they have employment opportunities and if you meet their requirements. Individual employers have discretion to determine hiring requirements.

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