

Guidance: Health Care Workforce Executive Orders Expiring June 30, 2023

Former Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts issued Executive Orders which waived or deferred specific statutes and regulations to facilitate hospital planning and ensure additional healthcare workforce capacity. This guidance is intended to remind licensees that **Executive Orders pertaining to Health Care Workforce will expire on June 30, 2023.**

REQUIREMENTS NO LONGER WAIVED OR DEFERRED AS OF JULY 1, 2023:

- **Time-limited Provisional Licenses Pending Successful Examination Results**

Those who are currently practicing on a time-limited provisional license awaiting examination results are responsible to ensure examinations are completed with results provided to Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Occupational Licensure Unit by June 30, 2023, to avoid a lapse in licensing.

Example: I was approved in May 2023 for a time-limited provisional license that expires June 30, 2023. My examination is scheduled for June 2, 2023. The results of my examination are available within 2 days after the examination is complete. I will be able to obtain a regular license before June 30, 2023, as soon as my exam results are processed.

- **Onsite, Face-to-Face, or Direct Supervision to Complete Certain Work or Training Required to Obtain a Credential**

Those who were allowed to use remote methods of supervision to complete certain work or training required to obtain a credential must resume using supervision for this work or training as set out in the regulations for the respective profession.

Remote supervision will be counted as supervised experience as expressly allowed under Executive Orders from March 27, 2020, through June 30, 2023, when it is required to be submitted upon an application for licensure or certification.

- **Practice Agreements**

Professions that require practice agreements must resume this requirement as indicated by the applicable statute or regulation.

- **Direct Client-Contact Hours.**

Provisional Mental Health Practitioners will no longer be allowed to obtain direct client-contact hours by telephone. Effective July 1, 2023, regulations regarding direct client-contact hours (172 NAC 94-002.04) must be followed.

Direct client-contact hours obtained by Provisional Mental Health Practitioners as expressly allowed under Executive Orders from March 27, 2020, through June 30, 2023, will be counted when it is required to be submitted upon an application for licensure or certification.

It is the provider's responsibility to reacquaint themselves with the original, pre-Executive Order, specific requirements. Questions can be directed to DHHS.LicensureUnit@Nebraska.gov or 402-471-2115.