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## **Response to COVID-19 Surge**

Below is the Board of Medicine's process for a physician, physician assistant, or respiratory therapist who is interested in reactivating or reinstating a prior license to assist with the COVID-19 surge.

### **Physician and Physician Assistant Reactivation of an Inactive License**

1. The inactive license is issued for a period not to exceed 5 years. The inactive licensee can seek to reactivate the license during this 5-year period.
2. Contact BOM licensing to request reactivation (an email is acceptable).
3. Provide proof of Continuing Education: 40 hours for each 2-year period for physicians and 100 hours each 2-year period for physician assistants.
4. Board staff will obtain reports from NPDB, AMA and/or AOA, and PDC.

### **Physician, Physician Assistant, & Respiratory Therapist Reinstatement of Expired License**

1. Can reinstate an expired license within 5 years of expiration; after 5 years a full application is required.
2. Within one year of expiration/cancellation, can reinstate license online and pay required reinstatement fee and annual renewal fee. To have the fees waived<sup>1</sup>, you must contact the Board before reinstating online. The Board will not refund the fees if you do not contact the Board before reinstating.
3. If the license has been expired for 2-5 years:
  - a. Contact BOM licensing to obtain forms to complete, including application update, Social Security Disclosure, and Authorization for Release of Information.
  - b. Provide hospital affiliations and license verifications since license expired.
  - c. Provide proof of Continuing Education: 40 hours for the prior 2-year period for physicians; 100 hours for the prior 2-year period for physician assistants; and 12 hours within the prior year for respiratory therapists.
  - d. Respiratory therapists must show proof of current RRT credential through the NBRC.
  - e. Board staff will obtain reports from NPDB, AMA and/or AOA, and PDC.
4. For individuals who have not worked in the medical field for two or more years, the following may apply:
  - a. Reentry Plan will likely be requested if the provider has not practiced in any jurisdiction for over a year.
  - b. Appearance before the BOM (physicians), PAAC (PAs), or RT Board (RTs).
    - a. Completion of competency exam.
    - b. Other requirements determined necessary to acquire or demonstrate professional competency.

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<sup>1</sup> A fee waiver is only available for those providers who seek to reinstate a license to assist with the COVID-19 surge. A fee waiver is not available to a provider who failed to timely renew his/her license.