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Update on COVID State of Emergency

The State of Emergency for Continued COVID-19 Economic Recovery in Georgia terminated on April 15, 2022, at 11:59 PM.

With the end of Georgia's COVID-19 State of Emergency, all emergency practice permits are now expired. Any individual who was using an emergency practice permit and wishes to continue practicing in Georgia will need a valid license issued by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Linked below is the application portal with more information about obtaining a license.

<https://medicalboard.georgia.gov/professionals/online-services>

Under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' public health emergency, DEA-registered practitioners may issue prescriptions for all schedule II-V controlled substances to patients for whom they have not conducted an in-person medical evaluation, provided certain conditions are met. The GCMB will continue to recognize the federal authorization for the tele-prescribing of controlled substances without an in-person exam as long as it is allowed by the HHS and DEA and practitioners meet the criteria set forth in the DEA policy. Linked below is the DEA's website with more information.

<https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/coronavirus.html#:~:text=Answer%3A%20Yes.,certain%20exceptions%20to%20this%20requirement>