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COVID-19 Information

The global spread of COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) recently announced seven new cases of COVID-19 in the state, bringing the total number of presumptive cases to 14.*

Please visit OHA's COVID-19 web page — healthoregon.org/coronavirus — for more information and updates.

In response to this development, Governor Kate Brown **declared a state of emergency** in Oregon on March 8, 2020, giving OHA and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) all the resources at the state's disposal to stem the spread of this disease.

During a state of emergency, the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine allows naturopathic physicians licensed in another state to provide medical care in Oregon under special provisions. Out-of-state licenses who wish to provide care in Oregon during this time must complete this **authorization application**. See OAR [850-030-0055](#) for more information.

Naturopathic Physicians are permitted to engage in Telemedicine in the State of Oregon. Please see the Telemedicine Guidelines posted on our website: <https://www.oregon.gov/obnm/rules/OBNMTelemedicine.FINAL.Aug2017%20copy.pdf>

Please note, Naturopathic Physicians licensed in the State of Oregon do not have to establish care through an in-person appointment prior to engaging in telemedicine. Oregon licensees may engage in telemedicine with a new patient that they have not previously seen in person. However - **Oregon licensees may only treat patients who are physically in the State of Oregon at the time of treatment through telemedicine.** Oregon statutes and rules only regulate the practice of naturopathic medicine in the State of Oregon. If you want to treat a patient *not physically located in Oregon*, you must contact the state(s) your patient(s) are physically

located to determine if that state(s) have similar emergency provisions for out of state practitioners.

Finally, the Governor recommended many restrictions to being physically present in our workplace – but please know that myself and my staff are able and will continue to work remotely. We expect to fully serve licensees and the community during this state of emergency. The best way to communicate to get the most a timely response from us at this time is through email. Naturopathic.medicine@state.or.us

We appreciate your patience and your diligence.

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