

The Georgia Composite Medical Board (the "Board") has adopted the following three (3) emergency rules:

1. **Emergency Rule 360-3-0.10-.08 Practice Through Electronic or Other Such Means During a State of Emergency:**
 - For the duration of the public health emergency, practitioners who are registered with the Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") are permitted to issue prescriptions for controlled substances to patients for whom they have not conducted an in-person medical evaluation, provided that:
 - the prescription is issued for a legitimate medical purpose by a practitioner acting in the usual course of his/her professional practice;
 - the practitioner conducted a medical evaluation on the patient using telemedicine communication, which can be conducted using an audio-visual or audio only, real time, two-way interactive communication system; and
 - the practitioner is complying all other relevant federal and state requirements.
 - Suspends for the duration of the public health emergency the requirement for physicians to provide documentation to the Board indicating that a physician assistant ("PA") or nurse practitioner ("NP") is competent in the practice of telemedicine.
2. **Emergency Rule 360-5-0.11-.10 Physician Assistants in Emergencies:**

Allows a PA who is licensed in good standing from any state or federal jurisdiction to provide certain medical care with "such supervision as is available at the immediate or local scene where a need for medical care exists or at a relief site established as part of a state or local safety plan" during a state or emergency or public health emergency.

Emergency Rule 360-15-0.12-.01 Requirements for Physicians: Among other things, reduces continuing medical education ("CME") requirement to twenty (20) hours for the current licensure renewal cycle to reflect the fact that most specialty conferences have been canceled for this year.