

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) related to temporary licensure and continuity of care

1. **Will the temporary licenses issued under Executive Order 57 be extended or can I renew the temporary license?** No. Executive Order 57 specifically states that the temporary license expire on September 8, 2020.
2. **If I received a temporary license from the Board and it has expired, can I still provide my client with services after September 8, 2020?** If you hold an active license in another state and established a client relationship prior to Executive Order 57, which was effective on April 17, 2020, then you can continue to provide continuity of care via telehealth for the duration of Executive Order 51 (State of Emergency).
3. **If I received a temporary license and established a new client relationship with a client in Virginia during the existence of Executive Order 57 (April 17, 2020 – September 8, 2020), can I provide continuity of care after September 8, 2020?** No. Establishment of new client relationships during Executive Order 57 requires you to hold a Virginia permanent license or transition patients to Virginia-licensed practitioner. (See question #7 for information on how to apply for permanent licensure in Virginia.)
4. **If I did not receive a temporary license but have a current client that has moved, visiting, or will be temporarily located in Virginia, can I provide continuity of care via telehealth?** Yes, Executive Order 57 specifically states that: “Health care practitioners with an active license issued by another state may provide continuity of care to their current patients who are Virginia residents through telehealth services for the duration of Amended Executive Order 51.”
5. **How will I know when Executive Order 51 will end?** The Governor will issue an announcement that the State of Emergency has ended. We will update our website with this information or you can review the Governor’s website at <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/executive-actions/>.
6. **If I am licensed as an associate (or hold a license that requires supervision-not an independent license) in another state, can I provide continuity of care to a client in Virginia via telehealth?** Yes, Executive Order 57 specifically states that: “Health care practitioners with an active license issued by another state may provide continuity of care to their current patients who are Virginia residents through telehealth services for the duration of Amended Executive Order 51.”
7. **How do I apply for a full permanent license?** If you hold an equivalent license in another state, you can apply by endorsement by mailing in a completed paper LCSW by Endorsement application. (Online applications are not applicable to those who hold a temporary license.) You are encouraged to review the [Regulations Governing the Practice of Social Work - Revised 3-5-2020](#) and the [Licensure Process Handbook](#) for more information on the requirements for applying by endorsement.

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8. **Where do I find the laws and regulations related to this license?** The Laws and Regulations can be found on our website at https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/social/social_laws_regs.htm
9. **How long does the process take to gain a permanent license?** Once you submit a complete application, the review process can take up to 30 days.