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Subject: Re: Requesting clarification on tele-health, jurisdiction, and license requirements

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Under Executive Order 57, if you already have an existing client relationship, you may continue to see that client via telehealth for as long as the Executive Order 51 (declaring the Covid State of Emergency) lasts. If, however, you would like to see new clients, located in Virginia, you will need to apply for Licensure by Endorsement at https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/social/social_forms.htm. Instructions to apply are also on this website, as well as contact information should you have any questions about the application process.

The amended Executive Order 57 can be found at the below link:

[https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/executive-actions/EO-57-SECOND-AMENDED---Licensing-of-Health-Care-Professionals-in-Response-to-Novel-Coronavirus-\(COVID-19\).pdf](https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/executive-actions/EO-57-SECOND-AMENDED---Licensing-of-Health-Care-Professionals-in-Response-to-Novel-Coronavirus-(COVID-19).pdf)

You may also find the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) related to temporary licensure and continuity of care located on the Board's website helpful. It can be found on the Board's website at the following

link: <https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/forms/social/LCSW/LCSWTempLicenseFAQ.pdf>

All indicators point to the Emergency Order 51 ending on June 30, 2021. Individuals currently providing continuity of care will need to be licensed in Virginia in order to continue to provide clinical services to clients located in Virginia.

For a copy of the current Laws and Regulations Governing the Practice of Social Work in the Commonwealth of Virginia, please visit the Board's website at https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/social/social_laws_regs.htm

For the latest **COVID-19** Updates from the Board, please visit the Board's website at <https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/social/covid19Info.htm>

Thank you,

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