

New Telehealth License and Telehealth Registration Options Available



Medical Doctors, physician assistants, and podiatrists who limit their Vermont practice to telehealth now have the option of holding a telehealth license or telehealth registration, instead of needing to hold a full and unlimited license. The characteristics of the telehealth license and telehealth registration are similar for each profession. The telehealth license is, as the name suggests, limited to telehealth practice. The telehealth license is issued on the same timetable as the full license for each of the professions and may be renewed on the same terms as full licenses

for the profession are renewed. In addition to being limited to practice via telehealth, a telehealth license is limited to practice with 20 unique patients during each licensing period. That reflects the lawmakers' sense that a health care professional with more than 20 patients has a presence that merits having a full license. The cost of a telehealth license is 75% of the renewal fee for a full license for each of the eligible professions. The fee paid for a telehealth license may be applied to the cost of a full license if the holder applies for a full license while the telehealth license is in effect.

A telehealth registration is good for not more than 120 days. It is limited to telehealth practice and also limited to a total of only 10 unique patients during the 120-day effective period. A telehealth registration may not be immediately renewed, but a new registration may be obtained after 3 years have passed. The cost of a telehealth registration is 50% of the cost of renewing a full license for the profession. The telehealth registration application process is faster and easier than the process for a full or telehealth license. The fee paid for a telehealth registration may be applied to the cost of a telehealth license or full license if an application is submitted while the registration is still in effect.

Please contact our staff at AHS.VDHMedicalBoard@vermont.gov if you have any questions about these options.