## Temporary Telehealth Registrations Issued Prior to July 1, 2024

All <u>Temporary</u> Telehealth Registrations are now expired. This option, which was originally created for the COVID public-health emergency, is no longer available. Anyone practicing telehealth with Vermont patients must obtain an appropriate credential. In addition to the option of obtaining full licensure, physicians, PAs, and podiatrists may apply for new telehealth credentials. The two telehealth credential options are a telehealth license and a telehealth registration (which is distinct from the temporary telehealth registration that is no longer available). Follow this link to our page with licensing information for details.

## **New Options for Telehealth Registration and Telehealth License**

Physicians (MDs), physician assistants, and podiatrists have two new credentials to choose from when considering telehealth practice with Vermont patients.

## **Telehealth Registration**

Telehealth registration is a good option for professionals who want to start telehealth practice as soon as possible. Telehealth registration has some significant limitations: it is good for only 120 days from the day issued; it allows practice with a total of only 10 unique patients over the 120 days; and it cannot be renewed. However, it offers some significant advantages: the application process is very abbreviated; the fee is one-half the cost of renewing a full license; and the fee may be credited toward the cost of a full license or a telehealth license if the holder applies within three years from the date the telehealth registration became effective. Two examples of situations where a provider may want to obtain a telehealth registration are:

- A patient will be visiting Vermont for a period of up to 120 days and there is a desire for the professional to be able to continue treating their patient in Vermont via telehealth during their visit.
- A patient moves to Vermont and there is a desire for the professional to continue treating the patient using telehealth on a long-term basis. The professional can quickly obtain a registration to continue care for up to 120 days while obtaining a full license or a telehealth license. The fee for the registration can be credited to the cost of the full or telehealth license.

## **Telehealth License**

Telehealth Licensure is a good option for professionals who have long-term plans to practice in Vermont with a limited number of patients. Telehealth licenses are issued for the remainder of the two-year licensing period when issued and may be renewed every two years. The only limitations are that practice is limited to telehealth and only 20 unique patients may be treated during each two-year licensing period. The application process is the same as the process for a full license. The fee is 75 percent of the fee for renewal of a full license and a licensee elects to apply for a full license while holding a telehealth license the fee will be credited toward the fee for the full license. Examples where a telehealth license may be a good alternative are:

- A specialist in a major metropolitan area performs procedures on a limited number of patients from Vermont and would like to be able to conduct follow-up visits via telemedicine after the patients return to Vermont.
- A professional who focuses on telehealth practice in a number of different states who does not anticipate having more than twenty different patients in Vermont during a two-year licensing period.

More detailed information about the two options, eligibility criteria, and the process for applying for each of them, specific to each profession are available within each application.

If you are ready to apply for a telehealth registration or license click <u>here</u> to get to our online licensing system.