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TMB Extends Emergency Rule Related to Issuance of Prescriptions

The Texas Medical Board's Executive Committee, with advice and direction from the Governor's Office, today adopted rules on an emergency basis related to the issuance of certain prescriptions during the COVID-19 disaster.

The Board [previously adopted](#) emergency amendments to [Title 22, Chapter 174.5](#), which are set to expire July 4, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. The new amendments, effective July 5, 2020 at 12:00 a.m., leave the previous emergency rule unchanged, with the exception of the rule's expiration date.

The emergency rule will remain in place until September 2, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. or for the duration of the time period that the Governor's disaster declaration of March 13, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic is in effect, whichever is shorter, pursuant to Section 2001.034 of the Texas Government Code.

For further guidance, please review the TMB's telemedicine FAQs on its [COVID-19 website](#), as well as the [Drug Enforcement Administration's COVID-19 website](#) for federal requirements.

TMB will continue to provide any updates on COVID-19 issues on the TMB website at www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/coronavirus.

For the latest COVID-19 information for health providers and the public, visit the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) COVID-19 web page at dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/.

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