

EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

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Chapter 40. State Medical Board.

12 AAC 40.943 is amended to read:

12 AAC 40.943. Standard of practice for telemedicine. (a) The guiding principles for telemedicine practice in the American Medical Association (AMA), *Report 7 of the Council on Medical Service (A-14), Coverage of and Payment for Telemedicine*, dated 2014, and the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), *Model Policy for the Appropriate Use of Telemedicine Technologies in the Practice of Medicine*, dated April 2014, are adopted by reference as the standards of practice when providing treatment, rendering a diagnosis, prescribing, dispensing, or administering a prescription or controlled substance without first conducting an in-person physical examination under AS 08.64.364.

(b) During a public health emergency disaster declared by the governor of this state under AS 26.23.020, an appropriate licensed health care provider need not be present with the patient to assist a physician or physician assistant with examination, diagnosis, and treatment if the physician or physician-assistant is prescribing, dispensing, or administering buprenorphine to initiate treatment for opioid use disorder and the physician or physician assistant

(1) is a Drug Addiction Treatment Act (DATA) waived practitioner;

(2) documents all attempts to conduct a physical examination under AS 08.64.364(b) and the reason why the examination cannot be performed; and

(3) requires urine toxicology screening as part of the patient's medication adherence plan. (Eff. 10/8/2017, Register 224; em am 5 / 5 / 2020 - 9 / 1 / 2020,

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