

EMERGENCY REGULATION

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Chapter 44. Board of Nursing.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted.)

12 AAC 44.925(d) is amended to read:

**12 AAC 44.925. Standards of practice for telehealth.**

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(d) Notwithstanding (c) of this section, during a disaster emergency declared by the governor, **or when the board has determined an urgent situation exists as defined in this section,** an appropriate health care provider need not be present with the patient to assist an APRN with examination, diagnosis, and treatment if the APRN is prescribing, dispensing, or administering buprenorphine to initiate **or continue** treatment for opioid use disorder and the APRN

(1) is a waived practitioner under 21 U.S.C. 823(g)(2) (Drug Addiction Treatment Act (DATA));

(2) documents all attempts to conduct a physical examination under this section, [AND] the reason why the examination cannot be performed, **and the reason why another health care provider cannot be present with the patient;** and

(3) requires urine or oral toxicology screenings as part of the patient's medication adherence plan.

12 AAC 44.925(h) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(h) In this section,

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(6) "urgent situation" means a health crisis affecting all or part of the state when circumstances prohibit another licensed health care provider's presence with the patient. (Eff. 5/7/2020, Register 234; am 5 / 11 / 2021, Register 238)

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