

Addressing the need for health care providers amid COVID-19 Pandemic

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SANTA FE - As testing for COVID-19 becomes more available, it is expected that the number of New Mexicans identified as infected with COVID-19 will far exceed the 43 confirmed cases, as of March 20. As more infected seek treatment, New Mexico will not only need beds and supplies - additional health care providers will be required.

In order to address this increased need for health care providers amid the COVID-19 Pandemic, it is critical that New Mexico follow the lead of several states ([Arizona](#) , California, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Washington) and waive state health care licensing requirements to allow health care providers licensed in other states to assist here in New Mexico.

<https://www.foley.com/en/insights/publications/2020/03/covid-19-states-waive-licensing-requirements> .

This action will help ensure that those who are infected with COVID-19 are properly cared for, while also lessening the burden on our health care providers that are working tirelessly to combat this virus.

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