



Telemedicine (Virtual Care) Licensure

5.1 CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF A TELEMEDICINE (VIRTUAL CARE) LICENCE

To qualify for a Telemedicine (Virtual Care) licence, a physician must:

1. Demonstrate that the physician meets the requirements that apply to all applicants for licensure:
 - English Language Proficiency*, and
 - Credential Verification*, and
 - Examinations, and
 - Currency of Practice, and
 - Good Character, and
 - Good Standing.

*(Please see the [requirements page](#) for details regarding the above points); **and**,*

2. Be fully licensed, without restrictions, in another province or territory of Canada; **and**,
3. Sign a declaration that the physician will limit his/her practice of medicine in Saskatchewan to the practice of telemedicine (virtual care) with the number of patients located in Saskatchewan that corresponds to the fee required under the College bylaws.

RESTRICTION

A licence issued for the purpose of practicing telemedicine (virtual care) limits the physician named therein to practise telemedicine (virtual care) while the physician is physically located outside the province of Saskatchewan.

A physician may, during the course of a year, sign a substitute declaration to limit the physician's practice of medicine in Saskatchewan to a larger number of patients than specified in the original declaration, and pay the additional corresponding fee required under the College bylaws.

The College has determined that the following is not the practice of medicine in Saskatchewan:

- a. the provision of telemedicine (Virtual Care) services in an emergency;
- b. treatment provided in consultation with a Saskatchewan physician who has an ongoing relationship with the patient and who has agreed to supervise the patient's treatment, including use of any prescribed medication;
- c. services provided without any form of compensation.

A physician who is physically located in Saskatchewan, but who provides telemedicine (virtual care) services to patients located outside of Saskatchewan is required to be licensed with the CPSS to do so.

COUNCIL TELEMEDICINE (VIRTUAL CARE) POLICY SUMMARY

The College has adopted the following definition for telemedicine:

The provision of a medical opinion concerning diagnosis or treatment of a patient in Saskatchewan by a physician located outside of Saskatchewan as a result of transmission of individual patient information by electronic or other means from within Saskatchewan to such physician or his or her agent;

OR

The provision of treatment to a patient in Saskatchewan by a physician located outside of Saskatchewan as a result of transmission of individual patient information by electronic or other means from within Saskatchewan to such physician or his or her agent.

A physician is authorized to provide follow up care by means of telemedicine to a patient located in Saskatchewan, without being licensed to practise medicine in Saskatchewan, provided each of the following conditions is met:

- i. the physician holds a licence to practise medicine granted by a medical regulatory body in Canada; and;
- ii. the physician resides in another province or territory of Canada, and practises medicine in that province or territory; and,
- iii. the physician has received a referral from a Saskatchewan physician to provide medical care to a Saskatchewan patient; and,
- iv. the physician has provided medical care to that patient in the province or territory where the physician resides; and,
- v. the physician intends to provide follow-up care to that patient with respect to the condition for which the patient was referred by the Saskatchewan physician, from the physician's province or territory of residence, while that patient is located in Saskatchewan.

Please refer to the [Practice of Telemedicine \(Virtual Care\) Policy](#) in Saskatchewan, for more information.