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MEMO

To: New Mexico Medical Board Licensees

From: New Mexico Medical Board

Re: Practice Closure During Pandemic.

This memo is offered to licensees of the New Mexico Medical Board as a recommendation to closely read and follow the Secretary of DOH's guidance on Public Health Orders 1 and 2.

The orders do not prohibit necessary medical nor behavioral health treatments but focuses on halting elective procedures to preserve personal protective equipment and avoid unnecessary exposure to COVID-19.

The board has learned that some practices are closing, sometimes with the explanation that they are required to close as a small business. This is not the case.

Certainly, all measures should be in place to utilize electronic means to care for your patients, to screen patients and staff for in-person care, and to postpone care that can wait...However, if a practice does close, a transition of care to an accepting provider, with access to patient charts must be arranged.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue and thank you for your commitment to the care of all New Mexicans.