

## COVID-19: Scope of Practice Checklist – SAMPLE

During the COVID-19 pandemic, healthcare practitioners may be asked to consider or are considering practices that fall outside of their usual scope of practice or practice environment. As a starting point, practitioners should consider the following scope of practice questions to help guide them with this need/decision. Use the comment column to document the rationale for the decision. Practitioners should consult with their organization’s risk management department for additional guidance in this area.

Question	Yes	No	Comment
Is there a verifiable need for the scope of practice change?			
Is it certain there are no available healthcare practitioners to fulfill the role?			
Have the risks/benefits of the proposed scope of practice change been reviewed specific to patient safety? Do the benefits outweigh the risks?			
Are there licensing, state, or other regulations/laws that allow or guide the scope of practice change?			
Does the healthcare practitioner’s education and training align with the need?			
Is there an emergency credentialing and privileging procedure and a skills checklist that will verify and document current competence?			
Does the practice change require additional/specific training? If so, what are the current methods to provide the necessary education and training?			

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If the practice involves moving care to a different setting, does the practitioner have the appropriate resources to provide care in that setting?			
If the practice change involves moving care to a different setting, is there an orientation process in place that includes patient safety?			
Can another practitioner mentor/coach the practitioner who is changing scope of practice and/or location?			
Has consideration been given to a patient informed consent process?			
Have you considered whether any change to scope of practice may affect a practitioner's insurance coverage or needs?			
Is the practitioner <u>comfortable</u> with the scope of practice change?			

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