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Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners



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Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners – Telemedicine Allowance

For the time period of State of Emergency as declared by the Governor of the State of South Carolina, the Board will not enforce S.C. Regulation 120-1(C)(1) requiring in-person (face to face) examination for the purposes of telemedicine established of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR). The Board encourages licensees engaging in telemedicine, as defined in S.C. Code of Law §40-69-20(15), to refer to the <u>AAVSB Guidelines for Telehealth</u> and the <u>AVMA Policy on Telemedicine</u>.

Licensees electing to continue to engage in in-person visits and examinations, should follow the published AVMA guidelines PPE use and mobile/house calls found on their website at https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/animal-health-and-welfare/covid-19. Additionally, the Board is urging licensees to review the most current recommendations on facility closures and infection control from <u>SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) Guidance for Healthcare Facilities</u> and adhere to the <u>CDC Guidelines for Infection Control</u>.

Sincerely,

South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners