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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 AAVSB Guidelines for Telehealth and the AVMA Policy on Telemedicine.

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 SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) Guidance for Healthcare Facilities and adhere to the CDC Guidelines for Infection Control.

Sincerely,

South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners