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Colleagues in VA Health Professions Education,

Interim Final Rule 2020-24817 (attached) confirms that VA health care professionals may practice their health care profession consistent with the scope and requirements of their VA employment, notwithstanding any State license, registration, certification, or other requirements that unduly interfere with their practice. In particular, the rule confirms VA's continuing practice of authorizing VA health care professionals to deliver health care services in a State other than the health care professional's State of licensure, registration, certification, or other requirement. Because the definition of "health care professional" includes health professions trainees appointed under 38 U.S.C. 7405 or 7406 participating in clinical or research training under supervision to satisfy program or degree requirements, **VA has determined that this rule authorizes health professions trainees to deliver health care under supervision across state lines.**

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