



COVID-19 HEALTH EMERGENCY

Availability of Coverage through the Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund

The Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund (Fund) is offering special coverage for physicians and nurse anesthetists who are practicing in Wisconsin (actually or virtually) during the period of the federal public health emergency as specified in Governor Evers' Executive Order 2 issued October 1, 2020, "[Order to Aid Our Healthcare Facilities to Provide Treatment to Wisconsinites Impacted by COVID-19.](#)"

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Physicians and nurse anesthetists whose primary insurance policies either do not comply with ch. 655, Wis. Stas., or do not cover Wisconsin practice specific to the health emergency.

WHAT ARE THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS?

Physicians and nurse anesthetists must meet one of the following licensing requirements.

1. Hold a permanent Wisconsin license.
2. Hold a temporary Wisconsin license
3. Meet one of the requirements of [Executive Order 2](#)
 - a. Interstate Reciprocity I.2.
 - b. Recently Lapsed Credentials I.4.
 - c. Telemedicine I.5.

HOW IS FUND COVERAGE INITIATED?

Physicians and nurse anesthetists who meet any one of the licensing requirements listed above may purchase primary malpractice coverage specifically for the period of the health emergency from any [insurer licensed to write medical malpractice insurance in Wisconsin](#) including the [Wisconsin Health Care Liability Insurance Plan](#)

HOW LONG IS THE PERIOD OF COVERAGE?

Physicians and nurse anesthetists who meet any one of the licensing requirements may be covered no longer than the period specified in [Executive Order 2](#), Section III.

WHAT IS THE INSURER'S RESPONSIBILITY?

Insurers will file certificates with the Fund per the statutory requirement [ch. 655.23\(3\)\(b\)](#).

HOW WILL THE FUND ASSESS FOR SPECIAL COVERAGE?

There will be no charge for Fund coverage for the current fiscal year ending July 1, 2021, due to the [premium holiday](#).

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

If you have questions regarding this special coverage, please call (608) 266-6830 or email ociipfcf@wisconsin.gov.