

New law authorizes the La. State Board of Medical Examiners to adopt rules to allow an out-of-state physician to order routine diagnostic testing for an established patient, provided the physician-patient relationship was initiated through an in-person, face-to-face visit with the physician in another state, the order can be verified, and the results of all testing are provided directly to the ordering out-of-state physician. Provides that a health care facility or provider that is presented such an order may choose not to recognize such an order.

Defines "out-of-state physician" as a physician who is duly licensed to practice medicine in any state or jurisdiction in the United States other than Louisiana.

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(Adds R.S. 37:1291.1)