



# THE Locum Times



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# WHY YOU SHOULD WORK WITH A LOCUM TENENS RECRUITER



**W**hether you are just getting into locum tenens work or you are a seasoned locum veteran searching for your next assignment, working with a recruiter and taking advantage of the resources they offer can drastically improve your locum experience. Here are a few of the reasons why:

## WORK WITH SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTANDS YOU

Locum tenens recruiters are experienced in the field and they understand your specialty's unique challenges, current industry trends, and what appropriate compensation should look like in your field. Not only will they already know a great deal about your needs and goals as a provider, they will be ready

to work with you to help you build the type of career you want. In addition to these qualities, a recruiter who specifically works with locum tenens providers in your specialty will also be dedicated to assisting you as a specialized point of contact whenever you need them. They understand the types of challenges that can come up and will be ready to assist you throughout the locum assignment.

### ACCESS TO MORE JOBS

A locum tenens recruiter has access to a wide variety of jobs in your specialty nationwide. This can include jobs that are not even listed anywhere yet, including upcoming coverage needs and other opportunities that you would not necessarily find out about otherwise. With a wide network of clients and other resources at their disposal, a locum tenens recruiter can help connect you with locum tenens assignments that are a great match for your skill set, career goals, and scheduling preferences. Not only can this help you get your foot in the door for locum

tenens opportunities, but a strong relationship with a recruiter you work well with can make it easier to line up future assignments that fit your goals.

### CREDENTIALING AND LICENSING ASSISTANCE

Working with a locum tenens recruiter and their staffing agency can make credentialing and licensing much easier. The team at the locum tenens agency will make sure you have your documents in order and can even help you with licensing renewals and requests for [multi-state licensing](#), sometimes even covering those costs if you are eligible for certain programs. Not only will you have access to those benefits, but working with a seasoned and responsive credentialing team can take the headache out of these processes and help you make sure everything is up to date so you can have a smooth start to each of your locum tenens assignments.

### TRAVEL AND OTHER BENEFITS

Your locum tenens recruiter will not only help you find the types of

locum tenens jobs you prefer, but working through their agency will also help you with other aspects of these assignments. Instead of having to book all your own travel and make arrangements for a car and other needs, your recruiter will connect you with travel accommodations such as prepaid travel, transportation, and housing arrangements. Many agencies have a specialized team to assist with these bookings as well as 24/7 support available. Other benefits that come along with working with a locum tenens recruiter include knowing that you will get a premium pay rate as a locum tenens provider as well as paid malpractice insurance. In addition to these benefits, you will have your recruiter available throughout your whole assignment for peace of mind.

### LOOKING FOR A LOCUM TENENS RECRUITER?

Let MPLT Healthcare connect you with one of our talented recruiters experienced in working with your specialty. [Contact us today](#) to get started!







# TELEHEALTH AFTER THE PANDEMIC

When the pandemic shut down the country, many healthcare organizations turned to telehealth as a temporary solution to providing triaging and other patient care services. As the need for physical distancing continued, many realized that this could be a long term solution to a variety of difficulties facing both providers and patients and an added convenience for certain types of care scenarios. While in-person care has largely returned with safety measures in place, there are still many ways telehealth can serve as a solution even after the nation adjusts to a new normal. Here are a few of the reasons why telehealth should be here to stay:

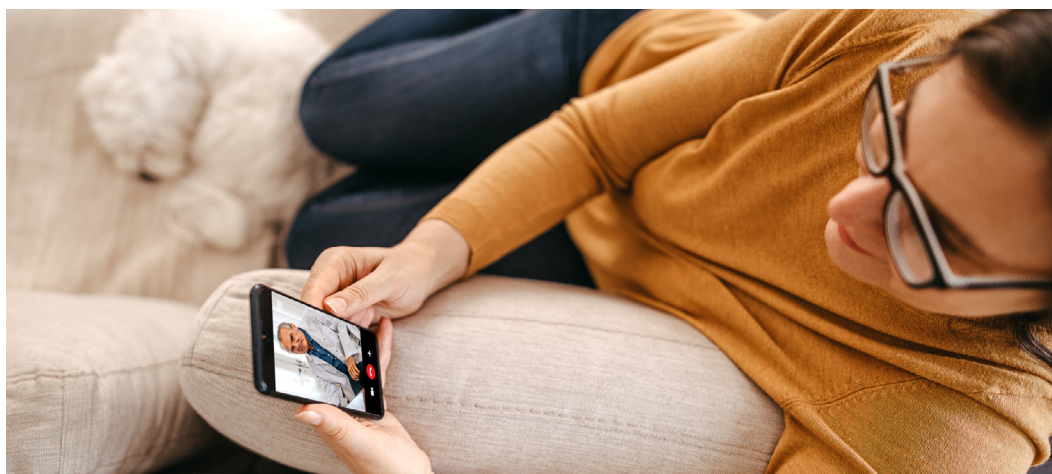
## HELP WITH PHYSICIAN SHORTAGES

There is a critical shortage of physicians right now and it is predicted to continue worsening in the coming years, with some specialties affected more deeply than others. Not only are many healthcare pro-

viders retiring due to age or leaving medicine after the tribulations they faced during the COVID-19 pandemic, but there are not enough doctors joining the field to keep up with these losses. The shortage has been sharply felt in certain specialties and in rural areas that were already largely underserved and the pandemic has accelerated the situation in many communities. [Telehealth has helped rural facilities](#) continue to offer vital services to their patients when they do not always have enough healthcare providers on location. These virtual healthcare services span a wide range of specialties helping patients who would otherwise be largely without healthcare services otherwise.

## MORE ACCESS TO CARE

As with patients in rural communities who live far from medical facilities, telehealth has been a great help to many others with difficulty accessing care for various reasons. People who were at high risk during the pandemic could still see their doctors for minor ailments without being exposed to other patients in waiting rooms and offices. Those who would otherwise miss appointments due to lack of transportation or child care options can still receive care virtually instead. Telehealth has become a convenient option for introductory visits, quick check-in appointments, as well as medication refill visits. Being able to triage and quarantine





patients virtually has also allowed patients to wait in the comfort of their own homes instead of sitting in a busy waiting room. While telehealth cannot replace some aspects of care, such as a physical exam, it has become a great way to save time and ensure continuity in many cases.

### COST SAVINGS

One of the most important advantages of telehealth services is that it has allowed facilities and practices to maintain volume even when patients could not always come in. If a patient would otherwise miss an appointment, utilizing telehealth can be a great way to ensure that care continues and allow the facility to bill for an appointment instead of missing out entirely. Telehealth appointments are also very cost effective since it cuts down on office use and the associated cleaning, requires no specialized equipment, and saves a great deal of time in many cases. For these same reasons, it is also fairly inexpensive to initiate a telehealth program to begin offering telemedicine options to patients.

### THE FUTURE OF TELEHEALTH

While telehealth picked up steam during the pandemic, will it be there to stay? Many patients and providers have gotten used to having this option at their disposal and will continue utilizing telehealth visits for care. The many advantages that telehealth offers should encourage facilities to continue offering it as an option to maximize volume and ensure continuity of care for patients who may have trouble reaching providers without it.

### DO YOU NEED PROVIDERS TO STAFF YOUR TELEHEALTH PROGRAM, OR ARE YOU A PROVIDER INTERESTED IN OFFERING TELEHEALTH SERVICES?

Get in touch with [MPLT Healthcare](#) today so we can help you get started.



## ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR PROVIDERS TO WORK IN YOUR TELEMEDICINE PROGRAM?

**W**e have a pool of highly qualified physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants ready to help you with your telehealth needs.

Telemedicine is a great option for facilities looking to expand care options for patients or quickly pivot to address staffing shortages in certain specialties. Additionally, with many areas practicing physical distancing measures due to coronavirus, telemedicine is an important way for your patients to maintain access to necessary healthcare such as routine visits, screenings to determine potential coronavirus infection, and so much more – all from the comfort of their own homes.

Interested in learning more about our locum tenens telemedicine staffing options? Our experienced team is here to help you with your staffing needs, no matter what they are. Let us get you connected with the right providers for your coverage needs starting now.

Visit our [Telehealth](#) page to watch our informative video about telehealth and find out more about how we can help you with your program today.





## STATE AND LOCAL TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

**D**ifferent states, counties, and cities may have their own set of [travel rules](#) regarding COVID-19 at the moment, so it's important to check the requirements ahead of time to avoid delays. Some areas require a negative COVID-19 test before you travel, while others may require a period of quarantine. Those who are fully vaccinated may be able to skip quarantine and testing depending on the current rules. The [CDC has a page with information by area](#) that can help you decide what steps you need to take so you can prepare accordingly.

## AIRLINE POINTS PROGRAMS

**I**n order to help members of their mileage programs maintain their status, airlines are continuing to offer special bonuses and other programs. United Airlines, for example, has a ["Welcome Back" bonus](#) as the default program for MileagePlus Premium members. Be sure to check your favorite airline's latest announcements to take advantage of extra points for flights and other purchases.



## HYATT'S TECH AND HYGIENE PROTOCOLS

**H**yatt has launched a new program to help assist with events by offering better support for hybrid meetings. These changes will make it easier for conference and event planners to offer a smooth experience to both in-person and virtual attendees. This includes the introduction of the Swapcard platform, which uses AI to enhance the experience for remote attendees. Hyatt hotels will also be required to have Global Biorisk Advisory Council STAR facility accreditation, which includes having a GBAC-trained technician on staff to lead the facility's hygiene protocol. The hotel staff will then be able to assist with both technology and hygienic concerns when it comes to event planning.



## HOMESWOOD SUITES NEW PROTOTYPE

**H**omeswood Suites by Hilton has unveiled the [prototype design](#) for its new properties, as well as a new suite type, the King Efficiency Suite. The suite will include a fully equipped kitchen, workspace, and many other attributes of the current suite designs in order to give guests everything they need for a comfortable stay. The new property design will also include updated fitness centers, a larger laundry facility, and additional amenities such as an outdoor kitchen area and other recreational spaces.

## ALASKA AIRLINES CLIMATE PLEDGE

**T**he airline has [announced its commitment](#) to reduce the company's carbon emissions to net-zero by 2040, as well as goals to reduce carbon, waste, and water impacts by 2025. These measures include five focus areas: fleet renewal, operational efficiency, Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), novel propulsion, and credible, high-quality carbon offsetting technology. In addition to these efforts, Alaska Airlines also signed onto Amazon's The Climate Pledge, a commitment to achieving net-zero-carbon 10 years ahead of the Paris Agreement.



## RIDE-HAILING COMPANIES LACK DRIVERS

**A**s a result of the shift in demand during the pandemic, as well as concerns about catching COVID-19, ride-hailing companies like Uber and Lyft are seeing a [shortage of drivers](#) even as demand has begun to come back. This has resulted in longer wait times and difficulty finding rides in some areas. Many drivers have picked up other work that requires less contact, such as delivery jobs, or are waiting until they feel safer taking on passengers again. As the market adjusts to the driver shortage, riders may see their fares increase in some locations.



# MPLT HEALTHCARE IN THE COMMUNITY



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY

We celebrated St. Patty's Day with a whole lot of green and a happy hour just for fun! As part of our world-class company culture, we have monthly events to encourage our team to relax and enjoy themselves. See what else we have been up to over on our social media accounts.

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## CINCO DE MAYO

We celebrated Cinco de Mayo with a fiesta featuring drinks, food, lots of fun, and we even had a piñata!

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## NATIONAL WINE DAY

Our team thought it was time to "wine down" for the day and have a little tasting to celebrate National Wine Day – cheers!



# HOT JOBS

## JOB ALERTS

Sign up for our Job Alerts and get new job openings delivered straight to your inbox or smartphone.

**INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIST**  
Walker, MI

**RADIOLOGY PHYSICIAN**  
Koochiching, MN

**BREAST IMAGING  
RADIOLOGIST**  
Birmingham, AL

**EMERGENCY PSYCHIATRIST -  
CRC DIRECTOR**  
Philadelphia, PA

**OB/GYN PHYSICIAN**  
IA

**MFM**  
IL

**PSYCHIATRIST - ADULT IP**  
Attleboro, MA

**PEDIATRIC  
ANESTHESIOLOGIST**  
TX

**MFM**  
MI

**CRNA**  
Richmond, VA

**GASTROENTEROLOGIST**  
Kansas City, MO

**NNP**  
Bloomington, IL

**GASTROENTEROLOGIST**  
Las Cruces, NM

**CRNA**  
Fort Wayne, IN

**GI ERCP & EUS PHYSICIAN**  
TN

**UROLOGY**  
Raleigh, NC

**UROLOGY**  
Indianapolis, IN

**UROLOGY**  
Columbia, SC

**HEMATOLOGIST/ONCOLOGIST**  
Louisville, KY

**HEMATOLOGIST/ONCOLOGIST**  
Las Cruces, NM

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