

**21 NCAC 32S .0219      PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PRACTICE AND LIMITED LICENSE FOR DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES**

- (a) The Board shall waive requirements for licensure in the circumstances set forth in G.S. 90-12.5.
- (b) There are two ways for physician assistants to practice under this Rule:
  - (1) Hospital to Hospital Credentialing: A physician assistant who holds a full, unlimited, and unrestricted license to practice medicine in another U.S. state, territory, or district and has unrestricted hospital credentials and privileges in any U.S. state, territory, or district may come to North Carolina and practice medicine at a North Carolina hospital that is licensed by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services upon the following terms and conditions:
    - (A) the licensed North Carolina hospital shall verify all physician assistant credentials and privileges;
    - (B) the licensed North Carolina hospital shall keep a list of all physician assistants coming to practice and their respective supervising physicians and shall provide this list to the Board within 10 days of each physician assistant practicing at the licensed North Carolina hospital. The licensed North Carolina hospital shall also provide the Board a list of when each physician assistant has stopped practicing medicine in North Carolina under this Rule within 10 days after each physician assistant has stopped practicing medicine under this Rule;
    - (C) all physician assistants practicing under this Rule shall be authorized to practice medicine in North Carolina and deemed to be licensed to practice medicine in the State and the Board shall have jurisdiction over all physician assistants practicing under this Rule for all purposes set forth in or related to Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes, and such jurisdiction shall continue in effect even after any and all physician assistants have stopped practicing medicine under this Rule;
    - (D) the physician assistant must practice under the direct supervision of an on-site physician and the supervising physician must be licensed in this State or approved to practice in this State during a disaster or state of emergency pursuant to G.S. 90-12.5;
    - (E) a physician assistant may practice under this Rule for the shorter of:
      - (i) 30 days from the date the physician assistant has started practicing under this Rule; or
      - (ii) a statement by an appropriate authority is made that the emergency or disaster declaration has been withdrawn or ended and, at such time, the license deemed to be issued shall become inactive; and
    - (F) physician assistants practicing under this Rule shall not receive any compensation outside of their customary compensation for the provision of medical services during a disaster or emergency.
  - (2) Limited Emergency License: A physician assistant who holds a full, unlimited, and unrestricted license to practice medicine in another U.S. state, territory, or district may apply for a limited emergency license on the following conditions:
    - (A) the applicant must complete a limited emergency license application;
    - (B) the Board shall verify that the physician assistant holds a full, unlimited, and unrestricted license to practice medicine in another U.S. state, territory, or district;
    - (C) in response to a declared disaster or state of emergency and in order to best serve the public interest, the Board may limit the physician assistant's scope of practice;
    - (D) the physician assistant must practice under the direct supervision of an on-site physician and the supervising physician must be licensed in this State or approved to practice in this State during a disaster or state of emergency pursuant to G.S. 90-12.5;
    - (E) the Board shall have jurisdiction under G.S. 90-14(a) over all physician assistants practicing under this Rule for all purposes set forth in or related to G.S. 90, Article 1, and such jurisdiction shall continue in effect even after such physician assistant has stopped practicing medicine under this Rule or the Limited Emergency License has expired;
    - (F) this license shall be in effect for the shorter of:
      - (i) 30 days from the date it is issued; or
      - (ii) a statement by an appropriate authority is made that the emergency or disaster declaration has been withdrawn or ended and, at such time, the license issued shall become inactive; and

- (G) physician assistants holding limited emergency licenses shall not receive any compensation outside of their customary compensation for the provision of medical services during a disaster or emergency.
- (3) physician assistants and physicians practicing pursuant to this Rule are not required to maintain onsite documentation describing supervisory arrangements and instructions for prescriptive authority as otherwise required by 21 NCAC 32S .0213.
- (4) National Guard supervision waiver. The rules of this Subchapter are waived during a declared state of emergency by the Governor of the State of North Carolina or by a resolution of the North Carolina General Assembly for members of the North Carolina National Guard who are actively licensed as physician assistants in the State of North Carolina and are serving in a State Active Duty status.

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