

## PHYSICIAN PRACTICE AND LIMITED LICENSE FOR DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES

(a) The Board shall, pursuant to G.S. 90-12.5, permit physicians not licensed in North Carolina to practice medicine in this State after the Governor of the State of North Carolina has declared a disaster or state of emergency, or in the event of an occurrence for which a county or municipality has declared a state of emergency, or to protect the public health, safety or welfare of its citizens under Article 22 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes. There are two ways for physicians to practice under this rule:

- (1) Hospital to Hospital Credentialing: A physician 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 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 credentials and privileges;
  - (B) the licensed North Carolina hospital shall keep a list of all physicians coming to practice and shall provide this list to the Board within ten (10) days of each physician practicing at the licensed North Carolina hospital. The licensed North Carolina hospital shall also provide the Board a list of when each physician has stopped practicing medicine in North Carolina under this section within ten (10) days after each physician has stopped practicing medicine under this section;
  - (C) all physicians practicing under this section shall be deemed licensed to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina and the Board shall have jurisdiction over all physicians practicing under this section 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 physicians have stopped practicing medicine under this section;
  - (D) a physician may practice under this section for the shorter of (a) thirty (30) days from the date the physician has started practicing under this section or (b) a statement by an appropriate authority is made that the emergency or disaster declaration has been withdrawn or ended; and
  - (E) physicians practicing under this section shall not receive any compensation outside of their usual compensation for the provision of medical services during a disaster or emergency.
- (2) Limited Emergency License: A physician 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 holds a full, unlimited and unrestricted license to practice medicine in another U.S. state, territory or district;
- (C) in response to the specific circumstances presented by a declared disaster or state of emergency and in order to best serve the public interest, the Board may limit the physician's scope of practice;
- (D) the Board shall have jurisdiction over all physicians practicing under this section 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 such physician has stopped practicing medicine under this section or the Limited Emergency License has expired;
- (E) this license shall be in effect for the shorter of (a) thirty (30) days from the date it is issued or (b) a statement by an appropriate authority is made that the emergency or disaster declaration has been withdrawn or ended; and
- (F) physicians holding limited emergency licenses shall not receive any compensation outside of their usual compensation for the provision of medical services during a disaster or emergency.

*History Note:*

*Authority 90-12.5*