

1 21 NCAC 32W .0116 is proposed for adoption under temporary procedures as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 32W .0116 ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT PRACTICE AND LIMITED LICENSE FOR**
4 **DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES**

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6 (a) The Board shall, pursuant to G.S. 90-12.5, waive requirements for licensure except to the
7 extent set for below and after the Governor of the State of North Carolina has declared a
8 disaster or state of emergency, or in the event of an occurrence for which a county or
9 municipality has declared a state of emergency, or to protect the public health, safety or welfare
10 of its citizens under Article 22 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes. There are two ways for
11 anesthesiologist assistants to practice under this rule:

12 (1) Hospital to Hospital Credentialing: A anesthesiologist assistant who holds an
13 unrestricted license in good standing to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant
14 in another U.S. state, territory or district and has unrestricted hospital credentials
15 and privileges in any U.S. state, territory or district may practice at a licensed
16 North Carolina hospital upon the following terms and conditions:

17 (A) the licensed North Carolina hospital shall verify all anesthesiologist
18 assistant credentials and privileges;

19 (B) the licensed North Carolina hospital shall keep a list of all
20 anesthesiologist assistants coming to practice and shall provide this list to
21 the Board within ten (10) days of each anesthesiologist assistant
22 practicing at the licensed North Carolina hospital. The licensed North
23 Carolina hospital shall also provide the Board a list of when each
24 anesthesiologist assistant has stopped practicing at the hospital under
25 this section within ten (10) days after each anesthesiologist assistant has
26 ceased practicing under this section;

27 (C) all anesthesiologist assistants practicing under this section shall be
28 authorized to practice in North Carolina and deemed to be licensed in
29 North Carolina and the Board shall have jurisdiction over all
30 anesthesiologist assistants practicing under this section for all purposes
31 set forth in or related to Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina
32 General Statutes, and the Board shall retain jurisdiction over any and all
33 anesthesiologist assistants after they have stopped practicing under this
34 section;

1 (D) anesthesiologist assistants may practice under this section for the shorter
2 of (a) thirty (30) days from the date the anesthesiologist assistant has
3 started practicing under this section or (b) a statement is made by the
4 Governor or the Governor's designee that the emergency or disaster
5 declaration has been withdrawn or ended and, at such time, the license
6 deemed to be issued shall become inactive; and

7 (E) anesthesiologist assistants practicing under this section shall not receive
8 any compensation outside of their usual compensation for the provision of
9 medical services during a disaster or emergency.

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11 (2) Limited Emergency License: An anesthesiologist assistant who holds an
12 unrestricted license in good standing to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant
13 in another U.S. state, territory or district may apply for a limited emergency
14 license on the following conditions:

15 (A) the applicant must complete an application;

16 (B) the Board shall verify that the anesthesiologist assistant holds an
17 unrestricted license in good standing to practice in another U.S. state,
18 territory or district;

19 (C) in response to the specific circumstances presented by a declared
20 disaster or state of emergency and in order to best serve the public
21 interest, the Board may limit the anesthesiologist assistant's scope of
22 practice;

23 (D) the Board shall have jurisdiction over all anesthesiologist assistants
24 practicing under this section for all purposes set forth in or related to
25 Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes, and the
26 Board shall retain jurisdiction over any and all anesthesiologist assistants
27 after they have stopped practicing under this section;

28 (E) this license shall be in effect for the shorter of (a) thirty (30) days from the
29 date the anesthesiologist assistant has started practicing under this
30 section or (b) a statement is made by the Governor or the Governor's
31 designee that the emergency or disaster declaration has been withdrawn
32 or ended and, at such time the license issued shall become inactive; and

1 (F) anesthesiologist assistants holding limited emergency licenses shall not
2 receive any compensation outside of their usual compensation for the
3 provision of medical services during a disaster or emergency.

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5 History Note: Authority G.S. 90-12.5; G.S. 90-13.2(e); G.S. 90-14(a); G.S. 166A-45