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Dear North Carolina Nurse,

The NC Board of Nursing (NCBON) thanks you for your dedication to always providing high quality health care to your patients, especially during the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. On Monday, July 11, 2022, Governor Cooper announced his plan to end the **NC COVID-19 State of Emergency (SOE)** on **August 15, 2022**. When the declared SOE ends, all remaining waivers created by the NCBON under the authority of the NC SOE will expire. The following information provides guidance related to changes that will take place when the NC SOE ends:

### **Guidance Related to North Carolina COVID-19 Declared State of Emergency**

The NC Board of Nursing regulatory waiver, [Nurse Practitioner Order to Relax Scope Requirements](#), will **expire** when the NC COVID-19 SOE ends. Upon expiration of the waiver, health care organizations and / or supervising physicians may no longer ask nurse practitioners to work outside the patient population for which the nurse practitioner holds national certification.

When the NC COVID-19 SOE ends, the SOE provisions for out-of-state RNs/LPNs requesting to practice in NC during a declared SOE will end. Specifically, out-of-state licensed nurses who hold a single state license in an out-of-state compact or non-compact state will no longer be able to practice in NC using the NC SOE-related provisions.

Telehealth waivers for out-of-state licensees authorized through [Executive Order 130](#) will also expire with the end to the NC SOE.

The legislative waiver, [Nurse Practitioner Temporary Flexibility for Quality Improvement Plans](#), remains in place and will expire on December 31, 2022, as noted in [Session Law 2021-3](#).

### **Guidance Related to Federal COVID-19 Declared State of Emergency**

The Federal COVID-19 SOE, [renewed July 15, 2022](#), remains in place.

The Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) declaration for medical countermeasures against COVID-19 remains in place with the continued Federal COVID-19 SOE. The [NCBON webpage](#) contains relevant information on the applicable PREP Act provisions.

If you have questions about the information in this letter, please contact the NCBON at 919-782-3211 and you will be directed to the appropriate person to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Crystal L. Tillman".

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