



April 27, 2020

Amended July 8, 2020

On March 10, 2020, Governor Roy Cooper declared a state of emergency due to the public health emergency posed by novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The North Carolina Board of Nursing (“Board”) is vested with the authority to waive the requirements of Article 9A Chapter 90 of the General Statutes to allow emergency health services to the public if the Governor declares a state of emergency.

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Board by N.C. Gen. Stat. §90-171.49 in response to Executive Order 116 (2020), the Board hereby waives the following rules and requirements:

- **Emergency Temporary Graduate CRNA Recognition**

21 NCAC 36 .0226 NURSE ANESTHESIA PRACTICE

- (a) Only a registered nurse who completes a program accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs, is credentialed as a certified registered nurse anesthetist by the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists, and who maintains recertification through the Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists, shall perform nurse anesthesia activities in collaboration with a physician, dentist, podiatrist, or other lawfully qualified health care provider. A nurse anesthetist shall not prescribe a medical treatment regimen or make a medical diagnosis except under the supervision of a licensed physician

Waive the provisions in .0226 requiring certification for new graduates so an applicant for a first-time recognition as a CRNA may practice until they are able to take the certification exam in accordance with the rule. The holder of a temporary recognition shall identify themselves as a Graduate CRNA. This recognition shall expire 6 months from the date of issuance.

This waiver does not waive other statutory requirements or limitations. This waiver shall take effect on April 27, 2020 and shall remain in full force and effect until December 31, 2020, or unless sooner amended, or rescinded by the Board or further Executive Order.

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