

Revised March 25, 2025

In Re: Temporary Waivers in response to the State of Emergency declared by Governor Cooper following Hurricane Helene.

On September 25, 2024, Governor Roy Cooper declared a state of emergency due to the impact of Hurricane Helene. Pursuant to the North Carolina Disaster Declaration Number FEMA-4827-DR, the following counties or territories in Western North Carolina were identified:

Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey Counties and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

On October 5, 2024, Governor Roy Cooper issued Executive Order No. 318 (2024) to increase the pool of professional healthcare workers and provide regulatory flexibility to expand the healthcare workforce. On October 10, 2024, Session Law 2024-51 – The Disaster Recovery Act of 2024 extended the State of Emergency until March 1, 2025.

On March 19, 2025, Session Law 2025-2, The Disaster Recovery Act of 2025- Part I, extended the State of Emergency until June 30, 2025.

The Board of Nursing and the Board of Medicine are granted authority under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-171.49 and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-12.5 respectively to take this action in order to permit the provision of emergency health services to the public for the benefit and protection of the people of North Carolina. The Nurse Practitioner Joint Subcommittee (the “Committee”) is composed of members of both the Board and Nursing and Board of Medicine pursuant to the authority under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-171.23(b)(14) and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-8.2. The Committee regulates the practice of Nurse Practitioners in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-18.2. Pursuant to the authority granted to the Committee under Executive Order 318 (2024), the Committee hereby waives the following:

Emergency Temporary Waiver of Application Fee for an Initial Approval to Practice and Volunteer Approval

21 NCAC 36 .0813 Fees.

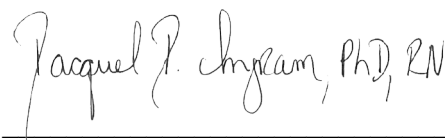
- (a) An application fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be paid at the time of initial application for approval to practice and each subsequent application for approval to practice. The application fee shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) for volunteer approval.
- (b) The fee for annual renewal of approval shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- (c) The fee for annual renewal of volunteer approval shall be ten dollars (\$10.00).
- (d) No portion of any fee in this Rule is refundable.

Waive the provisions in .0813(a) regarding the application fee for an emergency approval to practice allowing a nurse practitioner the ability to practice in the above-named counties without paying an application fee during the declared state of emergency. All other provisions and requirements shall apply. Nurse Practitioners holding an approval to practice which has been

surrendered or suspended due to disciplinary action will not be considered. The emergency approval is temporary and shall expire on June 30, 2025, unless the waiver provisions are sooner amended or rescinded by the Committee or further Executive Order.

This waiver does not waive other statutory requirements or limitations. This waiver is effective as of the date below and shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2025, or unless sooner amended, or rescinded by the Committee or further Executive Order.

This, the 25th day of March 2025.



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