

Revised June 24, 2025

**In Re: North Carolina Board of Nursing Temporary Waivers in response to the State of Emergency declared by Governor Cooper in response to 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 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. All waivers issued by the North Carolina Board of Nursing (“Board”) were extended until June 30, 2025.

It is the mission of the Board to protect the public by regulating the practice of nursing. The 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 should the Governor declare a state of emergency. The Legislature and the Governor’s Office have extended the State of Emergency on multiple occasions. Therefore, the Board extends all waivers issued by the Board currently in effect until the State of Emergency is lifted. The waivers currently in effect are posted in their entirety on the Board’s website at [Hurricane Helene | Emergency Waivers | North Carolina Board of Nursing](#)

This the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.



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