



Midwifery Joint Committee
Of the
State of North Carolina

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RE: Report on Regulatory Flexibility During COVID-19 State of Emergency

Dear Senator Harrington and Representative Stevens:

Section 4.38(c) of North Carolina Session Law 2020-3, COVID-19 Recovery Act, requires each State Agency to report to the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee, the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, and the Office of State Budget and Management on its efforts to exercise regulatory flexibility in accordance with the provisions outlined within Section 4.38(b) of the COVID-19 Recovery Act during the coronavirus emergency.

As co-chairs of the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee, the Midwifery Joint Committee reports the following actions to you:

- Temporarily waived approval to practice reinstatement fees for certified nurse midwives (CNMs) who wish to practice as CNMs during the declared state of emergency.
 - Created emergency temporary graduate nurse midwife approval to practice so an applicant for a first-time approval to practice may practice as a nurse midwife until he or she is able to take the certification examination. Practice shall be under the supervision of an on-site supervising physician or on-site CNM who has at least two years of clinical experience. The temporary approval to practice shall expire six months from the date of issuance. The holder of the temporary approval to practice shall identify themselves as a Graduate Nurse Midwife.
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- The North Carolina Board of Nursing (NCBON) has submitted the required reports for actions taken related to nurse aide IIs, licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, certified registered nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists, and nurse practitioners.
- Detailed information on the temporary waivers for nurse midwives created by the Midwifery Joint Committee in response to the coronavirus emergency may be found on the NCBON website at the following link: <https://www.ncbon.com/news-publications-statistics-important-information-about-covid-19>.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Aimee Feste".

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