



North Carolina Medical Board

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Dear All,

The NC Medical Board (NCMB) is filing this report in compliance with Section 4E.1.(c) of Session Law 2024-53 (“Disaster Recovery Act of 2024 – Part II”), which directs all state agencies to report regulatory flexibilities in Helene-affected areas to March 1, 2025.

Between October 2024 and January 2025, the NCMB did not charge late fees and did not inactivate any license of any licensee in Western North Carolina for non-renewal. The renewal process was reinstituted in February 2025 and any affected licensees were notified. There were no waivers for continuing education as physicians are on a three-year cycle and physician assistants are on a two-year cycle. Since the NCMB does not administer any examinations, there were no examination flexibilities.

The NCMB also responded to the emergency by implementing its emergency licensure rules that allow hospital-to-hospital credentialing or a limited emergency license. Both pathways allow out of state clinicians to practice in North Carolina during the state of emergency. It also held an [emergency meeting](#) on October 14 where it voted to ease supervision requirements for physician assistants and nurse practitioners providing medical care in Western North Carolina. You can learn more about the NCMB’s response to Hurricane Helene at <https://www.ncmedboard.org/landing-page/disaster>.

Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Mansfield
Chief Executive Officer