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Subject: Emergency Declaration



Dear Licensee,

Please review [Executive Order Eighty-Four](#) regarding certain operational relief for hospitals and healthcare workers, via declaration of a limited state of emergency. Additionally, please note that the Board of Pharmacy has re-implemented the emergency provision below for the duration of the emergency. The Executive Order and emergency provisions shall remain in effect until February 11, 2022, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order or board action.

Assistance from Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians Licensed in Other States; Central/Remote Order Processing (§54.1-3320, §54.1-3321, 18VAC110-20-276, 18VAC110-20-515)

A. A pharmacist not licensed in Virginia, but currently licensed in another state, may practice pharmacy in an affected area of the Commonwealth or may provide central/remote order processing or order verification services on behalf of an out-of-state pharmacy during a declared state of emergency when:

1. The pharmacist and out-of-state pharmacy, if applicable, have identification to verify current unrestricted licensure in another state;
2. The pharmacist is engaged in a legitimate relief effort during the emergency period;
3. The pharmacist and pharmacy immediately notify the board of this professional practice; and
4. The pharmacist obtains a Passport from the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

B. A pharmacy technician not registered in Virginia, but currently licensed or registered in another state or maintaining current national certification, may practice as a pharmacy technician in an affected area of the Commonwealth or may participate in central/remote order processing on behalf of an out-of-state pharmacy during a declared state of emergency when:

1. The pharmacy technician and out-of-state pharmacy, if applicable, have identification to verify current unrestricted licensure in another state or national certification;
2. The pharmacy technician is engaged in a legitimate relief effort during the emergency period;

3. The pharmacy technician and pharmacy immediately notify the board of this professional practice; and
4. The pharmacy technician obtains a Passport from the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

C. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the pharmacist or pharmacy technician as described in subsections A and B or a pharmacist licensed in Virginia or pharmacy technician registered in Virginia from accessing the employer pharmacy's database from a remote location for the purpose of performing certain prescription processing functions provided the pharmacy establishes controls to protect the privacy and security of confidential records.

D. The authority provided for in this section shall cease with the termination of the state of emergency.

Authority for waiving requirements:

§ 54.1-3307.3. Waiver of requirements; declared disaster or state of emergency.

When the Governor has declared a disaster or a state of emergency pursuant to Chapter 3.2 (§ 44-146.13 et seq.) of Title 44 and it is necessary to permit the provision of needed drugs, devices, and pharmacy services to the citizens of the Commonwealth, the Board may waive the requirements of this chapter, the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.), and the Board's regulations governing the practice of pharmacy (18 VAC 110-20-10 et seq.). However, the Board shall not authorize the administering or dispensing of controlled substances by persons whose scope of practice does not include such authority.

Virginia Board of Pharmacy