

Alabama State of Emergency with Florida Nurses included

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Subject: Nursing Care During Disaster Circumstances

ATTENTION: Nurse Leaders

The ABN is aware that facilities in Alabama may begin receiving patients evacuated from Florida or other jurisdictions affected by Hurricane Irma and want to ensure that all nursing leadership understand the process for accepting nurses who may be traveling to Alabama to care for the influx of displaced patients. It is our understanding that Governor Ivey is considering a disaster declaration, under which circumstances, the ABN will can implement existing emergency rules.

The following apply:

Nurses accompanying patients and remaining to facilitate care can work during a declared emergency in Alabama for a up to 30 days. The employer is responsible for verifying licenses of any out of state nurses.

1. I am asking that any facility receiving patients and staff to care for them provide the verification to the ABN, as follows:
 - Nurse's name, last 4 SSN (copy of driver's license).
 - Valid out of state nursing license number.
 - Copy of the out of state license verification performed by the Alabama agency.
2. Alternatively, nurses may apply for a temporary permit, which we can rapidly turn around following verification through the home state Board of Nursing, provided that the applicant has no encumbrances on any nursing license.
3. If the state of emergency extends beyond 30 days, nurses will need to complete a full endorsement application. If the state of emergency is cancelled prior to expiration of the 30-day limit, any nurse remaining must immediately apply for full licensure status.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention, as we work together to ensure safe care for those in need. Please direct any questions or comments to Joyce.Jeter@abn.alabama.gov.

Sincerely,
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