



STATE OF TENNESSEE
EXECUTIVE ORDER
BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 66

**AN ORDER TO ALLOW MEDICAL AND OTHER HEALTH-RELATED SERVICES
FOR EVACUEES OF HURRICANE IRMA**

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irma is expected to make landfall in Florida beginning September 10, 2017, and to subsequently move through much of the southeastern United States, including Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Hurricane Irma's expected landfall, many residents of, and visitors to, the affected areas have evacuated their homes or places of lodging and are seeking temporary refuge in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, multiple local, state, and federal agencies and other organizations are engaged in relief efforts throughout the affected region; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the Governors of Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia have declared states of emergency to facilitate the evacuation and relief effort in response to Hurricane Irma; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-107(e)(1), provides that during a state of emergency, the Governor is authorized to "[s]uspend any law, order, rule or regulation prescribing the procedures for the conduct of state business or the orders or rules or regulations of any state agency, if strict compliance with any such law, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency;" and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this authority and the general emergency management powers of the Governor under law, the temporary suspension of selected state laws and rules is necessary to cope with the current emergency situation resulting from Hurricane Irma.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and other applicable law, do hereby direct and order that the following state laws and rules be suspended:

1. The relevant provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Titles 63 and 68, and related rules are hereby suspended to give the Commissioner of Health the discretion to allow a health care professional who is licensed in another state, and who would otherwise be subject to licensing requirements under Title 63 or Title 68, to engage in the practice of such individual's profession, if such individual is an evacuee from Hurricane Irma, or if the individual is a health care professional who is assisting such evacuees.
2. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-10-207(a) and (c), are hereby suspended to allow a pharmacist to dispense a fourteen-day supply of a prescription drug without proper authorization to evacuees from Hurricane Irma, subject to all other provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-10-207.
3. Any provision of the Tennessee Code Annotated and related rules that require Tennessee residency as a condition of eligibility to participate in programs administered by the Department of Health are hereby suspended to allow otherwise eligible evacuees from Hurricane Irma to participate in such programs. These programs include but are not limited to the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. Chapter 1200-15-2-.03), Renal Disease Program (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. Chapter 1200-11-1-.03), Hemophilia Program (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. Chapter 1200-11-2-.03), Children's Special Services (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. Chapter 1200-11-3-.03), and the Child Safety Fund (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. Chapter 1200-11- 4-.04).
4. This Order shall remain in effect until 12:00 a.m., Central Daylight Time, on September 25, 2017, at which time the suspension of any state laws and rules shall cease and be of no further force or effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 9th day of September, 2017.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE