



Executive Order No. 318

MEETING NORTH CAROLINA'S RESPONSE AND RECOVERY NEEDS IN SUPPORT OF HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF EFFORTS

October 11, 2024

On September 26, 2024, Hurricane Helene entered the State of North Carolina as a tropical storm, inflicting significant damage on public and private property. An emergency declaration has been issued for North Carolina by both the State and the federal governments. On October 5, 2024, North Carolina Governor Cooper issued Executive Order 318 to, among other things, increase the pool of certain professional health care workers in North Carolina

Pursuant to Executive Order 318, Governor Cooper has delegated to certain professional health care licensure boards, including the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board (“NCASPPB”), the authority to waive or modify enforcement of rules promulgated by NCASPPB that would prevent or impair the following:

- (1) allowing persons to provide care if they are licensed in other states, territories, or the District of Columbia, but not licensed in North Carolina;
- (2) allowing persons to provide care if they are retired or if their licenses are inactive;
- (3) allowing skilled, but unlicensed volunteers to provide care; and/or
- (4) allowing students at an appropriately advanced stage of professional study to provide care.

Executive Order 318 provides that any such waivers or modifications shall be allowed or disallowed at NCASPPB’s discretion, and that NCASPPB shall have the authority to impose conditions on any persons authorized to provide care pursuant to such waivers or modifications.

As directed by Executive Order 318, NCASPPB hereby documents and shall post on its website the following waivers and modifications directed by NCASPPB:

Waivers & Modifications that WILL Be Allowed

1. Allowing practice in North Carolina by health care professionals that are licensed in other states, but not in North Carolina, under the following terms and conditions:
 - Out-of-state- health care professionals must complete NCASPPB's Executive Order 318 Verification of Licensure or Certification form. Services in NC cannot be provided until the form is approved by NCASPPB.
 - License or certification of out-of-state health care professional must have substantially similar education, training and examination requirements to a license or certification offered by NCASPPB.
 - The out-of-state health care professional must provide to NCASPPB proof that their license or certification is in good standing with the other jurisdictions' state occupational licensing board.
 - While engaged in practice in North Carolina, the out-of-state health care professional shall comply with the Board's Ethical Principles of Conduct for the Substance Use Disorder Professional, set forth in Section .0500, Chapter 68, Title 21 of the North Carolina Administrative Code.

2. Allowing retired or inactive health care professionals to provide care, under the following terms and conditions:
 - Retired or inactive health care professionals must complete NCASPPB's Executive Order 318 Verification of Licensure or Certification form. Services in NC cannot be provided until the form is approved by NCASPPB.
 - Retired or inactive health care professional's license or certification must have been in good standing with the NCASPPB prior to retiring or relinquishing credential.
 - While engaged in practice in North Carolina, the out-of-state health care professional shall comply with the Board's Ethical Principles of Conduct for the Substance Use Disorder Professional, set forth in Section .0500, Chapter 68, Title 21 of the North Carolina Administrative Code.

3. Allowing students to provide care if they are at an appropriately advanced stage of professional study, under the following terms and conditions:
 - Students must complete NCASPPB's Executive Order 318 Verification of Licensure or Certification form. Services in NC cannot be provided until the form is approved by NCASPPB.
 - Students must currently be enrolled in a regionally accredited program and pursuing a qualifying degree in a field of study recognized and accepted for licensure by the NCASPPB.
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 - Student must currently be in an *advanced stage of professional study*.

- i. A student in an *advanced stage of professional study* is defined by the NCASPPB as a student currently enrolled in and actively participating in field placement experience (i.e., internship) where they are providing direct **and** indirect counseling services under direct supervision to individuals with addictive use disorders.
- Students must be under the direct supervision of a university supervisor **and** site/agency supervisor who is fully licensed and in good standing with their respective occupational licensing board.
 - i. Site or Agency supervisor must provide supervision to student at a rate of 1:20 and in compliance with supervision parameters outlined by NCASPPB
 - ii. University supervisor must provide 1 hour of weekly supervision with student.
- Students must carry their own professional liability insurance with reputable and recognized insurer.
- Students can only provide direct and indirect counseling services under supervision that align with scope of practice parameters for the NCASPPB credential that most closely aligns with student's degree.
 - i. For example, if a student is in a master's program that would qualify upon graduation for the LCAS credential, the student can only provide services that align with LCAS-A scope of practice.
- While engaged in practice in North Carolina, students shall comply with the Board's Ethical Principles of Conduct for the Substance Use Disorder Professional, set forth in Section .0500, Chapter 68, Title 21 of the North Carolina Administrative Code.

The waivers and modifications set forth herein are temporary and shall be in effect only for the duration of Executive Order 318 or until the Board decides to rescind any such waivers or modification, whichever shall occur first.