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**ORDER RESCINDING PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS ENTERED BY
THE BOARD OF NURSING FROM MARCH 13, 2020, THROUGH THE PRESENT**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Henry McMaster issued Executive Order No. 2020-08 declaring a public health emergency due to the evolving nature and scope of the public health threat or other risks posed by COVID-19 and the actual and anticipated impacts associated with the same;

WHEREAS, the declaration of a public health emergency has continuously remained in effect since the issuance of Executive Order No. 2020-08;

WHEREAS, after the entry of Executive Order No. 2020-08, the South Carolina Board of Nursing, along with other South Carolina healthcare Boards and other state and federal agencies, took certain actions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic's unprecedented impact upon the public health system;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the South Carolina Emergency Health Powers Act, as set forth in S.C. Code Ann. § 44-4-100, *et seq.*, the Board, in coordination with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), waived certain licensing requirements for practitioners deemed necessary by DHEC;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Governor McMaster's directives, the Board relaxed certain other regulatory requirements;

WHEREAS, the Board issued guidance to its licensees and stayed enforcement of certain provisions, the enforcement of which would have been difficult or impossible, or would have made access to healthcare more difficult for the citizens of South Carolina in light of the constraints placed upon the healthcare system by the pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Orders listed below indicate that they are to remain in effect for the duration of the declared public health state of emergency in South Carolina, unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded by subsequent order;

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2021, Governor McMaster entered Executive Order No. 2021-15 in which he declared that a State of Emergency exists in South Carolina. The Executive Order states that it would remain in effect for a period of fifteen (15) days, subject to certain exceptions;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2021-15 has now expired, and no subsequent Executive Order has been issued;

WHEREAS, South Carolina is no longer under a declared state of emergency and, as such, each of the Orders entered by the Board of Nursing as set forth below should be rescinded;

AND WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that licensees may require a short period of time to transition from certain practices authorized by the Orders described below;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Orders set forth below are hereby rescinded. Practitioners practicing pursuant to any of the exceptions included in said Orders should take immediate action to modify their practices, as appropriate; however, the Board recognizes that the welfare of patients, including the continuity of their care, is paramount. Therefore, any modifications, alternate arrangements, referrals, or any other actions required as a result of the Board's rescission of said Orders shall be completed no later than 15 days from the date of this Order.

I.

ORDER WAIVING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PROVIDERS BY DHEC
dated March 14, 2020

II.

PUBLIC HEALTH STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-BME-PH-03
ORDER SUSPENDING ENFORCEMENT OF PROHIBITION ON PRESCRIBING SCHEDULE II
AND III MEDICATIONS VIA TELEMEDICINE WITHOUT PRIOR BOARD APPROVAL
(Board of Medical Examiner's Order that governs the practice of APRNs)
dated March 22, 2020

III.

PUBLIC HEALTH STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-BME-PH-05
ORDER REGARDING USE OF TELEMEDICINE FOR PROVIDING MEDICATION-ASSISTED
TREATMENT (Board of Medical Examiners' Order that governs the practice of APRNs)
dated March 22, 2020

IV.

PUBLIC HEALTH STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-BON-PH-02
ORDER SUSPENDING ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS REGARDING NURSE
PRACTITIONERS ENGAGED IN PRACTICE WITH PHYSICIANS IN BORDER STATES
dated March 23, 2021

V.

ORDER PROVIDING GUIDANCE REGARDING PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING OF
HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE, CHLOROQUINE, AND AZITHROMYCIN
dated March 27, 2020

VI.

PUBLIC HEALTH STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-BME/BON-PH-01
JOINT ORDER SUSPENDING ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR PRACTICE
BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES IN
CERTAIN SETTINGS *dated April 10, 2020*

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

**STATE BOARD OF NURSING
FOR SOUTH CAROLINA**



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Board Chair

June 8, 2021