



POLICY RELATING TO NURSES EVACUATING FROM SOUTH CAROLINA AND FLORIDA DUE TO HURRICANE MATTHEW

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 43-26-12(a)(2), 43-26-41(a)(2), licensed practical nurses and registered professional nurses who hold unencumbered licenses in Florida and/or South Carolina (hereinafter “the out-of-state nurses”), may work in established healthcare systems in Georgia, including public health, or in locations that have been approved by the out-of-state’s healthcare entity’s licensing authority as an emergency shelter, if:

- (1) The nurse is employed by a healthcare entity licensed in Florida or South Carolina or a healthcare/public health system in Florida or South Carolina;
- (2) The healthcare entity or healthcare/public health system assumes liability under the relevant statute for each Florida and/or South Carolina RN and/or LPN;
- (3) The out-of-state nurses are rendering patient/clinical care only to those patients who have been evacuated from the state in which the out-of-state nurse is licensed; and
- (4) The out-of-state healthcare entity and/or healthcare/public health system verifies the licensure of each of the out-of-state LPNs and RNs and provides a name and license number for each of the out-of-state nurses to the Georgia Board of Nursing within 24 hours after the nurse has entered Georgia.

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