March 19, 2020

On March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency due to novel coronavirus (COVID-19). In the declaration, Executive Order 51, the Governor directed state agencies to render appropriate assistance to prepare for and mitigate the effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. In doing so, he ordered authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation.

Pursuant to the authority granted to the agency head by Executive Order 51 (2020), I hereby waive the below Nurse Practitioner Regulations:

1. **18VAC90-30-80(B)** Initial NP application – provisional license.

   B. Provisional licensure may be granted to an applicant who satisfies all requirements of this section with the exception of subdivision A 3 of this section, provided the board has received evidence of the applicant’s eligibility to sit for the certifying examination directly from the national certifying body. An applicant may practice with a provisional license for either six months from date of issuance or until issuance of a permanent license or until he receives notice that he has failed the certifying examination, whichever occurs first.

   **Waive the six-month time limit so that an applicant may practice on a provisional license until they are able to take the certification exam but no later than 90 days following the expiration of the Executive Order.**


   A. An applicant for licensure by endorsement as a nurse practitioner shall:

   1. Provide verification of licensure as a nurse practitioner or advanced practice nurse in another U.S. jurisdiction with a license in good standing, or, if lapsed, eligible for reinstatement;

   2. Submit evidence of professional certification that is consistent with the specialty area of the applicant’s educational preparation issued by an agency accepted by the boards as identified in 18VAC90-30-90; and

   3. Submit the required application and fee as prescribed in 18VAC90-30-50.
B. An applicant shall provide evidence that includes a transcript that shows successful completion of core coursework that prepares the applicant for licensure in the appropriate specialty.

_Waive the requirement for submission of evidence of certification & transcript and rely solely on the verification of licensure in another U.S. jurisdiction._

• **18VAC90-30-100** – Renewal.

D. The license shall automatically lapse if the licensee fails to renew by the expiration date. Any person practicing as a nurse practitioner during the time a license has lapsed shall be subject to disciplinary actions by the boards.

_Waive 2(D) which triggers an automatic lapse if licensee does not renew by expiration date and directs the boards to impose disciplinary action._

This waiver does not waive statutory requirements or limitations. This waiver shall take effect on March 19, 2020, and shall remain in full force and in effect until June 10, 2020, _unless otherwise outlined above_, or unless sooner amended, or rescinded by further executive order.

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