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LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING PASSES EMERGENCY RULES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

On March 19, 2020, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) passed two (2) emergency rules in response to COVID-19. The rules extend and/or reinstate expired temporary permits of RN applicants and allow advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) practicing with a previously approved collaborating physician to extend their practice to new sites without reporting to the Board.

The first emergency rule amended LAC 46:XLVII.3329 relating to temporary permits issued to RN applicants. Under the emergency provisions, the LSBN may extend the expiration of a temporary permit or reinstate an expired permit for nursing graduates who have not taken the NCLEX-RN provided that the meets the 3 stipulations identified in the emergency rule. Any permit extended or reinstated in accordance with the public health emergency exception shall be valid for 120 days and may be extended for additional 90-day increments.

The LSBN is notifying RN Applicants regarding the extension/reinstatement of their temporary permits via e-mail. Temporary permits may be verified on the LSBN's website using the License Verification Portal at <https://lsbn.boardsfnursing.org/licenselookup>.

The second emergency rule amended LAC 46:XLVII.4513 with respect to authorized practice of APRNs. Under the emergency provisions, APRNs are allowed to work at sites not previously reported to the LSBN in collaboration with physicians in which there is a current collaborative practice agreement in place.

State agencies are given the authority through La. R.S. 49:953(B) to adopt temporary rules to create emergency provisions to prevent an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare. The actions taken today will increase the number of RNs and Advanced Practice RNs available to take care of all Louisianans during this current health crisis. It will allow more "boots on the ground", to coin a military phrase, to provide the urgent nursing care needed by our families, friends and neighbors at this time. LSBN will continue to work with our colleagues at the Louisiana Department of Health and in the Governor's Office to insure safe and competent practitioners are available to care for all patients in our healthcare system

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