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RE: Notice of Emergency Rule

Dear Governor Edwards,

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) has exercised the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, specifically La. R.S. 49:953(B), allowing (1) delegation of the administration of COVID-19 vaccines by RNs or APRNs to unlicensed personnel in all settings (§3709) and (2) granting temporary approval to RNs with retired or inactive licenses, which license was not encumbered at the time it was retired or made inactive, to obtain a limited RN disaster permit (§3328). The permit will be granted to RNs who are eligible for reinstatement of a retired or inactive license in Louisiana and the limited disaster permit allows solely for tasks directly related to the administration and delegation of COVID-19 vaccinations. This Rule shall remain in effect during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency as declared by the Governor, or until permanent rules are promulgated in accordance with the law. The immediate need for qualified health care providers to administer the COVID-19 vaccinations necessitated the need to adopt an emergency rule.

In accordance with Governor Edward's Proclamation Number 7 JBE 2021, the LSBN is amending Chapter 33, Section 3328, and Chapter 37, Section 3709, which will support the requirements outlined in the Proclamation, which includes reference to the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine (Section 6, X and Y). The Board's adoption of the Emergency Rule is effective as of January 19, 2021. The rule change can be accessed [here](#). Please contact me at lyonk@lsbn.state.la.us or 225-755-7576 if you have any questions or concerns related to this rule change.

Sincerely,

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