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RE: Notice of Emergency Rule

Dear Governor Edwards,

In compliance with the provisions of La. R.S. 49:953 (B), this will serve as notice of the Board's adoption of Emergency Rules with the effective date of March 19, 2020. The rule changes can be accessed at https://www.doa.la.gov/osr/EMR/2020/2004EMR009.pdf. The rule changes will be applicable for new registered nurse (RN) graduates and advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) in our state. The board may extend the expiration of temporary permits for new graduates who have been unable to take the NCLEX-RN licensure exam or reinstate an expired permit during a public health emergency. Any permit that is granted because of the emergency shall be valid for 120 days and may be extended in increments of 90-day intervals. There will also be an exception which will allow " an APRN practicing with a previously approved collaborating physician at a new site otherwise not previously reported to the board may continue to practice during the time of the declared emergency or disaster under the parameters of the signed collaborative practice agreement"(CPA). This rule allows for all APRNs with prescriptive authority to use their current CPA to practice at any site in the state without notifying the Board. 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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