

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

On March 5, 2020, the Governor of the State of Maryland, Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., declared a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency in response to the spread of the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19. Pursuant to the Governor's authority under the Constitution and Laws of Maryland, on March 12, 2020, the Governor issued an Executive Order extending the expiration date of all licenses, permits, registrations, and other authorizations issued by any agency of the State of Maryland, including, but not limited to, the Maryland Board of Nursing, until the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date by which the state of emergency is terminated and the catastrophic health emergency is rescinded. You may read the Executive Order by clicking on the following link: <https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Licenses-Permits-Registration.pdf>

**Effective immediately, all licenses and certificates that are scheduled to expire during the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency are hereby extended until the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date by which the state of emergency is terminated and the catastrophic health emergency is rescinded.**

The Board has taken steps to ensure that all licenses and certificates that are scheduled to expire during the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency remain in "**Active**" status until 30 days after the state of emergency is terminated and the catastrophic emergency is rescinded.

However, please note that for record-keeping and tracking purposes, original expiration dates will not be altered in the Board's public "Look-up a License" database. Rather, as explained, the Board will ensure that all affected licensees and certificate holders remain in "Active" status until 30 days after the state of emergency is terminated and the catastrophic health emergency is rescinded. **Accordingly, during this time, employers should rely on a licensee or certificate holder's listed status on the Board's public "Look-up a License" database to determine eligibility to practice.**

Affected licensees and certificate holders should, to the extent possible, continue to submit their renewal applications in the normal course. The Board remains operational at this time and will continue to process renewal applications as they are received. Although affected licensees and certificate holders will remain "Active" in accordance with the Executive Order, please do not delay submission of a timely renewal application.

Thank You,

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