



Board of Nursing

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MBON Communication: “Emergency Situation” Exception Under COMAR 10.27.01.03(A)(3)

Pursuant to its authority under COMAR 10.27.01.03(A)(3), on September 22, 2021, the Maryland Board of Nursing (the “Board”) determined that, *for the duration of the federal COVID-19 public health emergency declaration*, an “emergency situation” exists such that registered nurses (RNs) or licensed practical nurses (LPNs) who hold a current active RN or LPN license in any other state or jurisdiction may render nursing care in Maryland.

Ordinarily, and with limited exceptions, only individuals who hold a current active RN or LPN license in Maryland, or who hold a current active multistate licensure privilege to practice as an RN or LPN under the Nurse Licensure Compact, may practice nursing in Maryland. Now, in addition to those individuals, any individual who holds a current active license to practice as an RN or LPN in any other state or jurisdiction may render nursing care in Maryland for the duration of the federal COVID-19 public health emergency declaration.

It is incumbent upon each employer to verify that individuals hired or permitted to practice as RNs and LPNs possess a current active license to do so, either in Maryland or in any other state or jurisdiction. Employers may wish to use the Quick Confirm License Verification tool on the NURSYS website to verify an individual’s licensure status:

<https://www.nursys.com/LQC/LQCTerms.aspx>

RNs and LPNs who wish to continue practicing in Maryland after the termination of the federal COVID-19 public health emergency declaration will be required to hold a current active Maryland license or must hold a current active multistate license. The Board strongly encourages nurses who plan to continue practicing in Maryland after the public health emergency declaration is terminated to apply for endorsement into Maryland as soon as possible to avoid delays in processing.

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