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MEMORANDUM FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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ThoughtSpan Licensing Gateway & New Online Process for APRN Protocol Agreements

Effective **July 7, 2025**, GCMB has migrated all licensing and application services to the **ThoughtSpan Licensing Gateway**. This modern platform replaces our legacy systems and offers a faster, more secure, and user-friendly experience.

- **Gateway link:** <https://gateway.medicalboard.georgia.gov/>
- **Mandatory registration:** All users—regardless of any prior portal accounts—**must** create a *new* ThoughtSpan profile. The system will automatically match your existing licenses and pending applications using your demographic details. If you experience issues with this or any other issues, please submit a ticket at <https://gcmb.nextrequest.com/> and select the department “**ThoughtSpan Licensing Gateway Issues**.”

In accordance with **Rule 360-32-.03 (Filing of Nurse Protocol Agreement with the Board)**, APRN protocol agreement applications are now **only accessible and submittable online** by delegating physicians who:

- Hold an active, full, and unrestricted Georgia medical license, **and**
- Are registered in the new licensing portal (Gateway).

Important updates to note:

- APRN protocol applications and payments **are no longer accepted** in person, by mail, by email, or via NextRequest.
- After submission, the delegating physician must pay the required fee online by debit or credit card.
- Delegating physicians also have the ability to terminate existing protocol agreements directly through the portal.
- Any previously submitted APRN protocol agreements that have not yet been approved must be **resubmitted through the portal**.
- Payments previously sent via certified funds (cashier's checks, money orders) after July 7 will be returned to the sender via certified mail.

Upcoming feature for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs):

We plan to provide APRNs participating in a protocol agreement with the ability to create their own Gateway accounts in the near future. Once this feature launches, APRNs will be able to:

- View the protocol agreement,
- Change designated (secondary) physicians, and
- Terminate protocol agreements.

Until this feature goes live, APRNs who wish to terminate a protocol agreement must submit a request to the Board at: <https://gcmb.nextrequest.com/>

We appreciate your patience and support as we move forward with this transition to a more streamlined, secure, and compliant process.