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RESOLUTION 2016-10.1

SUBJECT: Issuance of Temporary Licenses in Response to Hurricane Matthew

WHEREAS, Hurricane Matthew will potentially force the evacuation of vulnerable patients from Florida and South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, many of the patients may be evacuated to locations in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, many of the patients may be under the care of physicians who are not licensed to practice in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the continuity of the patients' care may be best served by allowing their personal physicians to care for them while the patients are temporarily relocated in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-34-32 empowers the Executive Director of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, with the approval of the Chairperson of the Board, to issue temporary licenses to applicants; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Georgia Composite Medical Board authorizes the Executive Director, in his discretion, to issue a temporary license to any applicant who holds a license in good standing to practice medicine in Florida and/or South Carolina and has patients who are temporarily relocated to Georgia.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD POLICY

Physicians licensed in good standing in Florida or South Carolina whose patients are evacuated to Georgia as a result of Hurricane Matthew will be issued the temporary license upon making application for Georgia licensure. The physician should email cdorsey@dch.ga.gov to notify the Board of his or her need to care for his or her patients while they are temporarily relocated to Georgia. The temporary license will become void November 4, 2016, the date of the next regular meeting of the Board. A physician who has been issued a temporary license under these specific circumstances will be permitted to withdraw his or her application without penalty after the disaster.