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CERTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY RULES
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OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR

Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §§41-22-5(b) and 41-22-6(c)(2)a. and b.

I certify that the attached emergency (amendment, new rule, new chapter, repeal or adoption by reference) is a correct copy as promulgated and adopted on the 20th day of March, 2020.

AGENCY NAME: Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama

RULE NO. AND TITLE: 545-X-2-.08

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE: Upon filing with Legislative Services 3/23/2020

EXPIRATION DATE (If less than 120 days): 120 days 7/23/2020

NATURE OF EMERGENCY:

To allow for expedited licensure of physicians to practice medicine in Alabama in response to the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID -19) Pandemic.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 34-24-311, 333, 334 Ala. Code (1975)

SUBJECT OF RULE TO BE ADOPTED ON PERMANENT BASIS ____ YES X NO

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Legislative Services Agency,

The Commission finds that the immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare requires adoption of this rule on less than 35 days' notice.

Thank you

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545-X-2-.08ER Emergency License.

(1) Preamble. On March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Alabama declared the existence of a state public health emergency based on the appearance of the 2019 novel coronavirus known as COVID-19. On March 18, 2020, the Governor proclaimed the existence of conditions that warrant the implementation of extraordinary measures and relief during the existing state health emergency to guard public health and protect human life. The Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama hereby finds that the need for qualified physicians to provide medical services in Alabama warrants the emergency adoption of this rule to provide for the issuance of an emergency license to physicians licensed in other states who may assist with this health emergency. The intent of this rule is to provide for the expedited issuance of medical licenses to qualified physicians who desire to provide health care to citizens of Alabama suffering from and affected by the 2019 novel coronavirus known as COVID-19. The Medical Licensure Commission hereby finds that physicians who obtain an emergency certificate of qualification by endorsement from the State Board of Medical Examiners are eligible for an emergency medical license.

(2) Upon the receipt of an emergency certificate of qualification and all applicable forms from the State Board of Medical Examiners, the Executive Secretary of the Medical Licensure Commission, or his or her designee, shall issue an expedited emergency license to the applying physician.

(3) An emergency license issued under this rule shall expire one hundred twenty (120) days after the effective date of this rule, or when the Governor of Alabama proclaims the termination of the state's public health emergency, whichever is sooner.

An emergency license shall not be renewed.

(4) Applicants for an emergency license shall not be required to pay a fee.

Author: Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama
Statutory Authority: Code of Alabama 1975, § 34-24-311, § 34-24-333, § 34-24-334.
History: Adopted March 20, 2020; Filed March 23, 2020, effective immediately