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Helping Hoosiers: Indiana Extends Flexibility on Temporary Licensing of Health Care Workers

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Governor Holcomb recently issued **Executive Order 20-45** extending the ability of certain health care providers to practice in the State of Indiana in response to the current COVID-19 public health emergency. Specifically, the Executive Order applies to the following health care professionals who previously received an initial or subsequent 90-day temporary authorization to provide health care services in Indiana and grants an extension for an additional 90-day authorization period to continue to provide health care services:

- **Retired Health Care Professionals**: Any health care professional, whether licensed in the state or not, who within the past five years has retired or surrendered his or her license or whose license is otherwise inactive but whose license was not revoked, suspended or relinquished.
- **Physician Assistant Students**: Physician assistant students who have successfully completed all required course work at an accredited school, have applied for a license with the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency ("PLA"), and have supplied the PLA a certificate of completion.
- **Nursing Students**: Nursing students who have successfully completed all required course work at an accredited school, have applied for a license with the PLA, and have supplied PLA a certificate of completion.
- **Respiratory Care Practitioner Students**: Respiratory care practitioner students who have successfully completed all required course work at an approved school, have applied for a license with the PLA, and have supplied PLA a certificate of completion.
- **Out-of-State Health Care Professional**: Individuals who are currently licensed by another state and who were previously authorized to provide health care services in Indiana pursuant to **Executive Order 20-05.**
- **Graduate Pharmacists**: Pharmacy students who have successfully completed all required course work at an accredited school, have applied for licensure with the PLA, and have supplied PLA a certificate of completion.

Health care professionals who are granted a temporary license to provide health care services in the state in response to this public health emergency must register with the PLA via their website at **www.in.gov/pla**. All application procedures for reinstatement or approval will go back into effect upon the earlier date of either expiration of the extended temporary license or when the public health emergency ends.

If you have any questions related to the extension of temporary licensing requirements for health care workers or would like additional information about this topic, please contact **Andrew W. Breck** or **Shelley M. Jackson**.

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