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To protect, promote & improve the health
of all people in Florida through integrated
state, county & community efforts.



Rick Scott
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Vision: To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

In Re:

**SUSPENSION OF STATUTES, RULES AND
ORDERS, MADE NECESSARY BY
HURRICANE MICHAEL.**

DOH No. 18-278

EMERGENCY ORDER

On October 7, 2018, Governor Rick Scott issued Executive Order 18-276, later amended by Executive Order 18-277, declaring a state of emergency due to Hurricane Michael. On October 8, 2018, I found that strict compliance with the provisions of certain statutes regulated by the Florida Department of Health would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in mitigating any effect of Hurricane Michael and issued Emergency Order 18-276.

In order to effectively respond to the after effects posed by Hurricane Michael it is necessary to suspend the exception to health care practitioner licensing requirements in Florida for an additional thirty days for health care professionals holding a valid and unrestricted and unencumbered license in any state, territory, and/or district to render health care services in Florida if such health care practitioners do not represent or hold themselves out as a health care practitioner licensed to practice in Florida. The permitted provision of health care services and treatment by such persons is limited to those licensees as defined in section 456.001(4), part III of chapter 401, and part IV of chapter 468, Florida Statutes. Any statute and/or rule to the contrary is hereby suspended for a period of thirty days, unless further extended.

Executed this 5th day of November 2018, in Department of Health Offices, Tallahassee,
Leon County, Florida.



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