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



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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**In Re:**

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

**DOH No. 18-278**

**AMENDMENT TO EMERGENCY ORDER 18-278**

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. On November 5, 2018, I issued Emergency Order 18-278 which allowed certain healthcare professionals holding a valid and unrestricted and unencumbered license in another state, territory, and/or district to render services in Florida for a period of thirty days. I hereby amend and extend Emergency Order 18-278.

In order to effectively respond to the after effects posed by Hurricane Michael it is necessary to suspend the health care practitioner licensing requirements and basic life support and advanced life support services licensing requirements in Florida for an additional thirty days for health care professionals, basic life support providers, and/or advanced life support providers holding a valid and unrestricted and unencumbered license or registration in any state, territory, and/or district to render health care

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services, basic life support services, and/or advanced life support services in Florida if such health care practitioners, registrants, or licensees do not represent or hold themselves out as a health care practitioner, registrant, or licensee licensed to practice in Florida or provide basic life support services or advanced life support services in Florida. Florida-licensed basic life support services and/or advanced life support services are exempt from the provisions of section 401.25, Florida Statutes, in order to respond to the after effects caused by Hurricane Michael. The permitted provision of health care services and treatment by such persons or entities 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 4th day of December 2018, in Department of Health Offices,  
Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.



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