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Guidance to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Regarding COVID-19

On March 9, 2020, Governor JB Pritzker declared all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area in response to the outbreak of COVID-19, and again on April 1, 2020 declared all counties as a disaster area in response to the exponential spread of COVID-19. On March 20, 2020, the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (the "Department") issued a proclamation allowing Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) from out of state to practice in Illinois while on a temporary permit. The Department's Division of Professional Regulation (the "Division") is issuing the following guidance.

APRNs with a collaborating agreement should continue providing care pursuant to that agreement. The Department reminds APRNs that prescriptive authority must still be delegated by a licensed physician and a notice of delegation must still be filed with the Division pursuant to the Nurse Practice Act (the "Act"), 225 ILCS 65/65-40.

APRNs providing medical services in hospitals, hospital affiliates, or ambulatory surgical treatment centers are not required by the Act to have a collaborating agreement. APRNs must have clinical privileges at those facilities and their scope of practice is determined by those facilities pursuant to Section 65-45 of the Act, 225 ILCS 65/65-45. These facilities may grant the APRN prescriptive privileges. APRNs providing services in these facilities shall do so in accordance with Section 10.7 of the Hospital Licensing Act, 210 ILCS 85, and the University of Illinois Hospital Act, 110 ILCS 330, and in an ambulatory surgical treatment center, in accordance with Section 6.5 of the Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center Act, 210 ILCS 5/6.5.

For certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) providing anesthesia services in hospitals, hospital affiliates, or ambulatory surgical treatment centers, the collaborative physician must be physically present on the premises pursuant to Section 65-35(c) of the Act, 225 ILCS

65/65-35(c). This physical premise requirement is only necessary when anesthesia services are being provided.

APRNs with full practice authority (“FPA”) must work within the scope of their national certification, follow any limitations placed on them by the facility where they are rendering services, and adhere to the scope of practice guidelines delineated in Section 65-43 of the Act. APRNs with FPA have full prescriptive authority, with the exception of Schedule II narcotics and benzodiazepines, which require a consultation agreement with a physician.

Finally, the Division reminds APRNs coming from another jurisdiction that they must provide the Division with their name, contact information, state of licensure, license number, respective date of arrival, and date of departure on a form provided by the Division. These APRNs are not required to have a collaborating agreement. They must provide medical care that is within the scope of their national certification, follow any limitations placed on them by the facility where they are rendering services, and adhere to the scope of practice guidelines delineated in Section 65-30 of the Act, 225 ILCS 65/65-30.