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SUBJECT: POLICY TO IMPLEMENT THE EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION OF
THE GOVERNOR ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF OUT OF STATE
MEDICAL PERSONNEL

POLICY:

Pursuant to the Emergency Proclamation of the 12th day of January 2025 by Governor Gavin Newsom, and Business and Professions Code Section 900, the following procedure shall be followed to implement subsection 2 of the Order concerning allowing the use of out-of-state medical personnel to respond to the Los Angeles Fires.

“2. Any personnel holding a license, certificate, or other permit issued by a state party to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, including, but not limited to, medical personnel, entering California to assist in responding to this emergency shall be deemed licensed, certified, or permitted to provide services in California as prescribed by Government Code section 179.5. Permission for any such individual rendering service is subject to the approval of the Director of the Emergency Medical Services Authority for medical personnel, or the Director of the Office of Emergency Services for non-medical personnel, and shall be in effect for a period of time not to exceed the duration of this emergency.”

The EMS Authority will only accept requests for out of state medical personnel approval from a California medical facility, telehealth agency contracted with a California medical facility or a staffing agency providing staffing to California medical facilities, that intends to utilize these resources.

A California medical facility is interpreted as a hospital, facility, doctor’s office, alternate care site or health care business currently approved and/or located in California to provide medical care, or medical advice. Any entity that is not currently approved to provide care within California will need to contract with a California medical facility prior to approval being granted.

A medical facility that is unable to secure sufficient staffing from California certified and licensed healthcare professionals or a staffing agency seeking to provide services to such a medical facility may seek out-of-state healthcare professionals to fill the gap with approval from the EMS Authority. A medical facility, telehealth agency or staffing agency that desires to utilize out-of-state healthcare professionals, in preparing for and responding to the Los Angeles Fires State of Emergency, shall submit a written request to the EMS Authority and receive approval for such hires in advance.

PROCEDURE:

A medical facility, telehealth agency or staffing agency which desires to utilize medical professionals with out-of-state certifications or licenses during the Los Angeles Fires State of Emergency shall submit the following to the EMS Authority prior to receiving approval:

- (A) A complete and signed [“Request for Temporary Recognition of Out-Of-State Medical Personnel During a State of Emergency” automated form](#). This form shall include:
- a. Information on the facility/staffing agency, location and functions within the State of California.
 - b. Information on the out-of-state healthcare professional providing services at the facility, including name, healthcare license information and state where the license/certification is held.
 - c. Copies of the individual’s certification or license and photo identification issued by the state where the healthcare provider holds their certification or license.
 - d. For Telehealth agencies, a copy of a contract with a California based medical facility or business approved to provide medical advice within California.
- (B) Submit the automated temporary recognition form and supporting documents via the automated system. Questions regarding Out of State Authorizations can be sent to LAFiresOut-of-StateAuthorization@emsa.ca.gov
- (C) The California EMS Authority shall review and make a written determination within two (2) – four (4) business days after receipt of a complete request.
- (D) The duration of the approval shall continue until a specified date or the end of the state of emergency, whichever comes first.
- (E) The medical facility or staffing agency shall notify and receive approval from the EMS Authority of any changes to the list of healthcare providers being used, or discontinuation of this approval prior to the changes taking affect.
- (F) The medical facility will be responsible for monitoring the healthcare providers hired based on this approval and will notify the EMS Authority of any unusual occurrence within 24 hours of the event occurring.
- (G) If the form is submitted by a staffing agency, the staffing agency must have an identified work location before submitting the form.

In response to the Governor’s Emergency Declaration, subsection two (2), concerning the preparation and response to the Los Angeles Fires; out-of-state medical personnel must obtain authorization from the Director of the EMS Authority before they may practice in California.