## STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

In re:

SUSPENSION OF STATUTES, RULES AND ORDERS, MADE NECESSARY BY HURRICANE IRMA DEM NO. 17- 0002

## **EMERGENCY ORDER**

Pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 17-235, I find that timely execution of the mitigation, response, and recovery aspects of the State's emergency management plan, as it relates to the Hurricane Irma, is negatively impacted by the application of certain regulatory statutes. Therefore, I promulgate the following:

The provision of health care services and treatment in Florida by any person who holds a valid and unrestricted and unencumbered license in another state, territory, and/or district who accompanies and cares for a patient temporarily residing in the state of Florida during a period not to exceed thirty days (unless extended) is permitted, if such health care practitioner does 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 extended.

The provisions of chapters 499 and 465, Florida Statutes, and rules promulgated thereunder, that if applied, would operate to limit distribution, dispensing or administration of otherwise legitimate prescription drugs in a manner that could hinder,

prevent or delay mitigation of any health-related condition are suspended for a period of thirty days, unless extended. This paragraph does not affect any law governing any controlled substance as that term is defined in chapter 893, Florida Statutes.

Because section 252.36(5)(a), Florida Statutes, allows the Governor to suspend the provisions of "any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for [the] conduct of state business", and because Executive Order No. 17-235 designates the Director of the Division of Emergency Management as the State Coordinating Officer for this emergency, the requirements of sections 252.46 and 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, do not apply to this Order.

The effective dates of this Order shall correspond with the effective dates of Executive Order No. 17-235.

Executed this 7th day of September, 2017, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

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Filed on this date, with the designated Division Clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

Division Clerk

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