

Hurricane Harvey Response

Texas Licensees - License Renewal Extensions/Grace Period

For information on license renewal extensions, visit: <http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/renewals>

Out-of-State Providers

For notifying TMB and temporary permitting of out-of-state providers assisting with disaster response, visit: <http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/hurricane-harvey-response>

Prescription Authority Agreements – Temporary Waiver of Certain Requirements

For the duration of the Hurricane Harvey disaster declaration, the Governor has approved a temporary waiver of certain state requirements for prescription authority agreements (PAA) between supervising physicians and physician assistants and/or APRNs. **Please note that any supervising physician(s) remain responsible for the conduct of the PAs and APRNs under their supervision.**

The following now apply to PAAs:

The waiver pertains only to the prescription of dangerous drugs and not controlled substances.

- A PAA does not have to be in writing and may be implemented by one of the following methods:
 - a) verbally with an individual physician; or
 - b) if care is provided at a facility, evacuation center, or institutional setting it can be authorized under: a medication order, protocols, standing delegation order, or standing medical order for the facility or location by a physician or medical director overseeing delivery of healthcare services at such locations.
 - The limits on the number of delegates that can be supervised by a physician have been waived.
 - The requirements to register delegation and PAAs with TMB have been waived.

This waiver is temporary and is in effect only for the duration of the disaster declaration or until otherwise rescinded by the Governor.

DEA Emergency Authorization for Disaster Relief

The Drug Enforcement Administration, Diversion Control Division, has established this link for emergency disaster requests only by DEA Registrants requesting authorization to quickly move controlled substances for relief efforts in response to domestic disasters: https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/disaster_relief.htm

Contacts for Provision of Services

Please know the TMB is not placing providers. For more information on where to provide services, please see the following links:

- [Texas Disaster Volunteer Registry](#)
- [American Red Cross](#)
- [Volunteer Houston](#)
- [TX Gulf Coast Voluntary Organization Active in Disaster \(VOAD\)](#)