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RULE CHANGES ADOPTED

CHAPTER 172. TEMPORARY AND LIMITED LICENSES

New Subchapter D, Disaster Emergency Rule §172.20 and §172.21.

New Rule **§172.20**, relating to Physician Practice and Limited License for Disasters and Emergencies, provides two methods for an out of state physician to be approved to practice in the event of a disaster. One method is hospital-to-hospital credentialing, which will not require the physician to apply for and obtain a license. This method will allow qualified out of state physicians to come to Texas and practice medicine at a Texas licensed hospital at the request of that facility. The second method allows a qualified out of state physician to obtain a limited emergency license if the physician has been requested by a Texas sponsoring physician to assist in the disaster or emergency.

New Rule **§172.21**, relating to Other Health Care Providers Practice and Limited License for Disasters and Emergencies, provides a method for out of state licensees, permit holders, and certificate holders, other than physicians, who practice in healthcare areas subject to regulation by the Board, to obtain authority to practice in Texas during a disaster. These providers must practice under the supervision and delegation of a physician and the supervising physician must be licensed in Texas.