

**TEMPORARY REACTIVATION OF PHARMACIST LICENSES TO PROVIDE
PATIENT CARE DURING THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) STATE OF
EMERGENCY**

On March 10, 2020, Governor Cooper issued Executive Order No. 116 – a declaration of a state of emergency to coordinate response to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak. In light of that declaration, and the Board’s authority under North Carolina General Statutes Section 90-85.25(a) to waive provisions of the Pharmacy Practice Act and its regulations during a declared emergency, the Board authorizes the following:

1. Only for the duration of the state of emergency declared by Executive Order No. 116, a pharmacist meeting the following criteria may apply for temporary reactivation of an expired North Carolina license to practice pharmacy:
 - A. The license to practice pharmacy has been inactive for two years or less.
 - B. The license did not become inactive as a result of a Board disciplinary order, voluntary surrender, or agreement not to renew.
 - C. The pharmacist has not committed any act since the license became inactive that would be a basis for denying a license application under North Carolina General Statutes Section 90-85.38.
 - D. The pharmacist has been engaged to provide services at a North Carolina licensed pharmacy.
 - E. The pharmacist completes a temporary reactivation application and submits it to the Board at emergency@ncbop.org
 - F. The pharmacist receives notification from the Board that the temporary reactivation has been approved.

2. As of this date – March 18, 2020 – the Board is not accepting temporary reactivation applications. This is a preparedness step. There is no identified immediate need for additional pharmacists to assist with COVID-19 containment and treatment efforts. In the coming days, the board will develop and publish a temporary reactivation application form. Pharmacists are advised to monitor the Board’s website – www.ncbop.org – for developments.