

## **CNM Waiver Information**

On October 5, 2024, Governor Roy Cooper issued [Executive Order 318](#) declaring a State of Emergency following the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene in Western North Carolina. In this Order, the Governor recognized the impact on the health care systems in this part of the State and the need for expanding the capacity of the health care providers to this region. Governor Cooper ordered professional health care licensure boards to waive or modify legal and regulatory constraints to address specifically those providers not licensed in NC but licensed elsewhere and providers who hold inactive or retired licenses to provide care.

On October 9, 2024, the Midwifery Joint Committee (the “Committee”), which regulates the practice of Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMs), voted to waive certain requirements for CNMs practicing in Western North Carolina in direct response to Executive Order 318 for a limited time through December 31, 2024.

These waivers are only applicable to CNMs practicing or volunteering in Western North Carolina in the following counties or territories:

Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey Counties and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

If you **currently have an approval to practice in NC** as a CNM with a Collaborating Provider and would like to work/volunteer in Western North Carolina utilizing the waiver, you will need to email [aprnpractice@ncbon.com](mailto:aprnpractice@ncbon.com) with your name, approval number, certification, and location(s) in Western North Carolina you anticipate practicing. NCBON Staff will then add language to your individual verification page on the NCBON website indicating your ability to practice without the collaborating provider requirement in the specified counties.

If you are **Inactive (reinstatement)** or **Applying from Another State (endorsement)**, you are required to submit your application for review. Log into the Nurse Portal or, if needed, create an account in the Nurse Portal located at [www.ncbon.com](http://www.ncbon.com) to complete the approval to practice or volunteer application.

If there are specific questions regarding these waivers, please email [aprnpractice@ncbon.com](mailto:aprnpractice@ncbon.com).

We thank you for your willingness to serve the patients in Western North Carolina!