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Subject: Practice of Veterinary Medicine by Out of State Veterinarians
in Counties Affected by Tropical Storm Helene

Effective: September 30, 2024

Due to the emergency conditions resulting from Tropical Storm Helene, and the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board's desire to assist North Carolina residents in the affected counties and to protect the public by ensuring access to qualified veterinary practitioners, the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board states the following:

- Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 90-187.4(a)(2), the Board may issue, without examination, a permit to nonresident veterinarians validly licensed in another state, territory, or district of the United States or a foreign country, provided that such temporary permit shall be issued for a period of no more than 60 days.
- Accordingly, to facilitate and expedite the permitting of non-resident veterinarians who wish to practice veterinary medicine in the storm affected counties in North Carolina (set forth in the list below), and to allow for non-resident veterinarians to begin practicing in storm affected counties as soon as possible, the Board will require the permit application to be submitted within 10 days of the start of any non-resident veterinarian's practice of veterinary medicine in a storm affected area, provided that the individual has a good faith belief that they meet the requirements set forth in 21 NCAC Chapter 66.0305. Further, the Board will waive fees associated with any temporary permit application submitted.
- Notably, there is no temporary permit process for registered veterinary technicians or veterinary staff. Any resident or non-resident who wishes to provide registered veterinary technician or veterinary staff services may do so under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian or non-resident veterinarian who is practicing with a temporary permit obtained pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. 90-187.4(a)(2).
- Any temporary permits issued pursuant to the guidance set forth above will be for a period of time not to exceed 60 days and will limit non-resident veterinarians to practice in storm affected areas including 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.
- Please visit our website for instructions on how to apply for a temporary permit, www.ncvmb.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith West". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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