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### Declaration for the Reentry of Select Retired Physicians Application Form Attached

On March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Alabama declared the existence of a state public health emergency based on the appearance of the Severe Adult Respiratory Syndrome-Coronavirus-2 (SARS-CoV-2). On March 18, 2020, the Governor proclaimed the existence of conditions that warrant the implementation of extraordinary measures and relief during the existing state health emergency to guard public health and protect human life.

The State Board of Medical Examiners hereby finds that the need for qualified physicians to provide medical services in Alabama warrants the emergency issuance of this declaration to reactivate retired physicians' medical licenses to full and unrestricted status, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (1) A physician with an active medical license who has executed a retirement waiver in the last twenty four (24) months and who now desires to reenter the practice of medicine for the limited purpose of treating patients suffering from and affected by SARS-CoV-2 shall have his or her medical license reactivated to full and unrestricted status upon submission of the following:
  - a. An application including the following information:
    - i. the physician's name;
    - ii. the physician's Alabama medical license number;
    - iii. current mailing address and contact information;
    - iv. proposed practice location;
    - v. intended type of medical practice; and
    - vi. any other medical licenses held.
  - b. Certification that his or her license to practice medicine or osteopathy is not currently under investigation by a licensing agency or law enforcement authority in any state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction;
  - c. Certification that his or her license to practice medicine or osteopathy has never been subjected to discipline by a licensing agency in any state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction, excluding any action related to the non-payment of fees related to a license.
- (2) In signing this declaration, the Board waives its enforcement of Ala. Admin. R. 540-X-14.04 for one hundred twenty (120) days after the effective date of this declaration, or when the Governor proclaims the termination of the state's public health emergency, whichever is sooner.

- (3) The reactivation of a retired physician's license shall expire one hundred twenty (120) days after the effective date of this declaration, or when the Governor proclaims the termination of the state's public health emergency, whichever is sooner. The effectiveness of this declaration, and any licenses reactivated under it, may be extended by the Board.
- (4) A retired physician whose license is reactivated by this Declaration and who possesses a current, unrestricted DEA registration shall also be issued a restricted Alabama Controlled Substance Certificate ("ACSC") for the purpose of treating patients suffering from and affected by SARS-CoV-2 and the disease known as COVID-19. The ACSC shall not authorize the physician to prescribe controlled substances via telemedicine.
- (5) A physician applying for the reactivation of his or her license to practice medicine or osteopathy shall certify to the State Board of Medical Examiners that the physician intends to practice medicine to provide health care to citizens of Alabama suffering from and affected by SARS-CoV-2 and the disease known as COVID-19.
- (6) Retired physicians who apply for the reactivation of his or her license to practice medicine or osteopathy shall not be required to pay a fee.
- (7) Retired physicians who apply for the reactivation of his or her license to practice medicine or osteopathy shall be entitled to have his or her license reactivated upon certification of the applicant's satisfaction of this rule by the Executive Director or Associate Executive Director of the State Board of Medical Examiners, or his or her designee.
- (8) The reactivated medical license shall clearly indicate that it is an emergency medical license.

Statutory Authority: Ala. Code. §§ 34-24-53, 336.

ProAssurance statement:

Retired Physicians Returning to Practice

Physicians returning to practice from retirement on a temporary basis due to COVID-19 will not jeopardize the premium waiver reporting endorsement issued by ProAssurance.

For physicians seeking coverage for their return to practice activities, please contact your agent or ProAssurance service representative for assistance in submitting an application to the Company. We will endeavor to provide an underwriting decision for completed applications within two business days.



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## Application for Emergency Reinstatement of Retired Alabama Medical License

**A physician with an active medical license who has executed a retirement waiver in the last 24 months and who now desires to reenter the practice of medicine for the limited purpose of treating patients suffering from and affected by SARS-CoV-2 shall have his or her medical license reactivated to full and unrestricted status upon submission of the following:**

Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last) (Suffix)

License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mailing Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Expected AL  
Practice Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Practice Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Intended Type of  
Medical Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Medical  
Licenses Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your license to practice medicine or osteopathy currently under investigation by a  
licensing agency or law enforcement authority in any state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Has your license to practice medicine or osteopathy ever been subjected to discipline by a  
licensing agency in any state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction, excluding any action related  
to the non-payment of fees related to a license? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

I swear (affirm) that the information set forth on this application for an emergency certificate of qualification and license is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature of Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*(For electronic signature) I understand and agree that by typing my name, I am providing an electronic signature that has the same legal effect as a written signature pursuant to Ala. Code §§ 8-1A-2 and 8-1A-7. I attest that the foregoing information has been provided by me and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.*

**Knowingly providing false information to the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners or Medical Licensure Commission is a violation of Ala. Code § 34-24-360(17).**

**Reactivation of a retired physician’s license shall expire one hundred twenty (120) days after the effective date of this declaration, or when the Governor proclaims the termination of the state’s public health emergency, whichever is sooner. The effectiveness of this declaration, and any licenses reactivated under it, may be extended by the Board.**

**A retired physician whose license is reactivated by this Declaration and who possesses a current DEA registration shall also be issued a restricted Alabama Controlled Substance Certificate (“ACSC”) for the purpose of treating patients suffering from and affected by SARS-CoV-2 and the disease known as COVID-19. The ACSC shall not authorize the physician to prescribe controlled substances via telemedicine.**

*Email completed application to [credentialing@albme.org](mailto:credentialing@albme.org)*