



BOARD OF MEDICINE TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE TO PRACTICE IN AN AREA OF CRITICAL NEED

The Florida Board of Medicine was established “to ensure that every physician practicing in this state meets minimum requirements for safe practice.” The practice of medicine is a privilege granted by the state. The Florida Board of Medicine, through efficient and dedicated organization, will license, monitor, discipline, educate, and when appropriate, rehabilitate physicians and other practitioners to assure their fitness and competence in the service of the people of Florida.

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FLORIDA BOARD OF MEDICINE AREA OF CRITICAL NEED APPLICATION PROCESS FOR TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE TO PRACTICE IN AN AREA OF CRITICAL NEED

When you are ready to apply for the Florida Temporary Certificate to Practice in an Area of Critical Need, here is some information that would help expedite the licensure process. You can arrange to have all required documentation and information sent directly to the board office before or at the same time you submit your application.

- Complete the application on-line at <http://flboardofmedicine.gov/licensing/>
- Pay the appropriate fees when you apply. An application will not be processed without appropriate fees
- Request that these items be sent directly to the Board office:
 - Medical Degree verification form
 - Letter of Intent to Employ from the approved facility. The letter should state whether or not you will be compensated for medical services.
 - License verification form/s for each jurisdiction in the United States where you held or currently hold a license
- You must send these documents directly to the Board office:
 - Military discharge document (if applicable)
 - National Practitioner Databank report
- Complete the electronic fingerprinting process. You can find a detailed description of required documents at the background screening website at <http://www.flhealthsource.gov/background-screening/>

FEE INFORMATION

\$905.00 – Licensure fee (for any person who is issued an Area of Critical Need License as provided in Sections 458.315, Florida Statutes) includes:

- \$300.00 – Application Fee (non – refundable)
- \$355.00 – Initial License Fee
- \$250.00 or \$5,000.00 – NICA Fee (please read information at www.nica.com)
- \$100.00 – Dispensing Practitioner Fee (optional)
 - Fee is required if you will be selling pharmaceuticals in the facility or office.

FLORIDA LAWS AND RULES

All licensees are responsible for knowing the laws and rules of **Area of Critical Need**. To view and / or download a copy of the Statutes and Rules and find the list of approved facilities, visit <http://flboardofmedicine.gov/licensing/temporary-certificate-for-practice-in-areas-of-critical-need/>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CONDITIONS OF LICENSURE

You have been licensed to practice in the approved area of critical need facility you listed in your application. You may change locations after licensure but must follow these requirements:

- **The new location must be on the department’s list of approved facilities.**
- **You must notify the Board of Medicine office within 30 days of changing or adding locations.**

