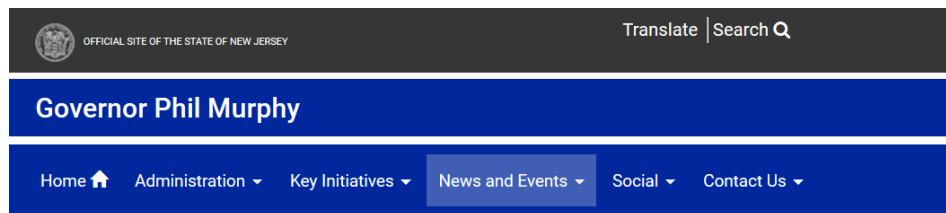


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Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order to Remove Barriers to Health Care Professionals Joining New Jersey's COVID-19 Response and Provide Protections for Front Line Health Care Responders

04/1/2020

- Executive Order (EO) No. 112; April 1, 2020
- Temporarily permits certain HCPs to perform acts outside of their ordinary scope of practice
- Grants broad civil immunity to HCPs and facilities providing services in support of NJ's COVID-19 response efforts

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Provides civil and criminal immunity to certain health care professionals and health care facilities during public health emergency and state of emergency; facilitates issuance of certain temporary licenses and certifications during public health emergency and state of emergency.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As amended by the Senate on April 13, 2020.

- P.L. 2020, c.18; April 14, 2020
- Codifies the EO
- Civil and criminal immunity to HCPs and HC facilities during the COVID-19 public health, and state of, emergency
- Retroactive to March 9, 2020
- Bill approved 30-2 in Senate; 73-1 in Assembly

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- Prevents lawsuits connected with proper use of a “scarce critical resource allocation policy,” e.g., ventilators and ICU beds
- **Only relates to COVID-19-related treatment**

Cyber Scam Alert for NJ MDs/Nurses

- Bad actors fraudulently portraying themselves to be from the Board of Medical Examiners or Board of Nursing
- Trying to obtain PI—financial account numbers and social security numbers
- Do not engage without confirming the validity of the request with the Board
- Link to state’s website:

<https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/Documents/Scam-Alert-09-09-2020.pdf>



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SCAM ALERT!

The Division of Consumer Affairs is urging our licensees to be on alert for new scams targeting healthcare professionals and possibly others. The Division has received information that impersonators are reaching out to licensees about fraudulent activity related to their practicing credentials, or about alleged disciplinary action or criminal charges against them.

The Division has been made aware of the following scam attempts:

- Two doctors received calls from individuals claiming to work for the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners. In at least one occasion, a voicemail message from someone impersonating board staff indicated that there was illegal activity flagged against the doctor's medical license related to a case of illegal drugs seized at the southern border of Texas. In both instances callers attempted to gather personal information from licensees.
- Several nurses have also received calls matching the phone number for the office of the New Jersey Board of Nursing. The caller posed as an employee and informed the licensee of an alleged suspension due to illegal trafficking. In an attempt to make the call appear more legitimate, a scammer sent one of the nurses a fraudulent letter by fax to a UPS facility. The individual later tried to convince the nurse to provide additional personal information to reinstate her professional license to practice, when in fact her license remains active. Another nurse was asked for an electronic wire transfer of \$23,500 to avoid suspension of her practicing credentials.


Phishing scams such as these often aim to steal someone's identity by obtaining personal information such as social security numbers or financial account numbers. Fraudsters may also request payment in the form of pre-paid gift cards or wire transfers.

Scammers may use information readily available online to draft official-looking communications and falsify the phone numbers transmitted on a caller ID to convince individuals they are speaking to a representative of a professional board or other governmental agency.

If you have received any calls similar to what has been described above, or are seeking to verify contact from your respective board, please contact that board by email directly to report the incident immediately.

Click [here](#) to see an example of a recent scam attempt.



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This is an official notice for the suspension of your New Jersey Board of Nursing License. ██████████ & ██████████ as authorized by New Jersey Board of Nursing Licensure, your license will be suspended effective from 07/31/2020 under section 36(B) for illegal Drugs Trafficking under section 89(C) of The Aviation Drug Trafficking Control Act of 1984. This Citation is a result of your violation of Section 63 of New Jersey Board of Nursing License Code: Drugs Control Violation of the State.

This suspension means that you will not be allowed to continue with your practice from 07/31/2020 unless you are notified in writing by New Jersey Board of Nursing that your License is restored.

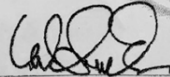
This is the final order of suspension for license number: ██████████ with immediate effect.

The only way to avoid this suspension is you need to follow the instruction given by the investigation officer.

So if you want more information about this case then you need to contact investigation officer.

OFFICER INCHARGE:
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██████████

New Jersey Board of Nursing
124 Halsey St,
Newark, NJ 07102

Authority Signature and Stamp

██████████ Licensing Board Authority