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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Agency Accounting Contacts

FROM: Kathleen D. Baxter
State Comptroller 

DATE: September 12, 2017

RE: Function Code for Hurricane IRMA related expenditures

Governor Kay Ivey declared that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Alabama effective as of Friday, September 8, 2017. Due to the impact of Hurricane Irma on the State of Alabama, the State Emergency Operations Center and their partners were activated on September 9, 2017 and are currently incurring costs.

To track statewide costs of disaster response, the following Function Code has been established in STAARS for Hurricane Irma:

Function Code 2021 - "Hurricane Irma 2017"

All costs (travel, payroll, supplies, etc.) associated with your agency's response should use this function code.

The ten initial responding agencies that have been set up in STAARS are as follows:

- Alabama Department of Transportation
- Alabama Law Enforcement Agency/Fusion Center
- Alabama Department of Corrections
- Alabama Forestry Commission
- Alabama Department of Public Health
- Alabama Department of Human Resources
- Alabama Department of Education
- Alabama National Guard/Military
- Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Alabama Emergency Management Agency
- Alabama Department of Agriculture
- Governor's Office of Volunteer Services

Alabama Department of Environmental Management
Alabama Board of Pardons and Parole Department

If your agency has costs associated with this incident and you are not one of the agencies listed above, contact Mike Hudson at mike.hudson@comptroller.alabama.gov and your budget analyst to have the function code set up for your Agency.

If payments have already been made and the function code was not used you will need to do a journal voucher document to reallocate the expenditures to the correct function code.

Attached you will find a copy of the emergency declaration supporting Hurricane Irma related expenditures.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Enclosure



STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS Hurricane Irma is a category four hurricane whose potential track includes the State of Florida and other parts of the Southeastern United States, including the State of Alabama;

WHEREAS Governors of neighboring states have issued proclamations declaring the existence of a State of Emergency due to Hurricane Irma;

WHEREAS Hurricane Irma poses conditions of disaster and extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the State of Alabama and to those evacuating to the State from other states;

WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the State Health Officer, it is expected that large numbers of displaced individuals will have prescription drug needs of a chronic, urgent, or emergency nature in Alabama;

WHEREAS many of these displaced individuals may have their actual medications, copies of their prescriptions, or insurance billing report or insurance claim notification but pharmacists may not be able to readily obtain refill authorization from the prescriber thereof;

WHEREAS Section 34-23-70, Code of Ala. (1975), provides "[o]n prescriptions which may be refilled, written or oral authorization must be received [from the prescriber] before refilling unless the number of refills is indicated on the original prescription;"

WHEREAS Section 34-23-75, Code of Ala. (1975), allows only for emergency refilling of such prescriptions for up to seventy-two (72) hours; and

WHEREAS, under the current emergency conditions, this time frame is both impractical and inadequate and should be extended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of the State of Alabama, pursuant to relevant portions of the Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955, § 31-9-1 *et seq.*, Code of Ala. (1975), do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Alabama and direct the activation of the Alabama Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and all appropriate annexes. In addition, I direct the appropriate state agencies to exercise their statutory and regulatory authority to assist the communities and entities affected. I also direct the Alabama Emergency Management Agency to make the appropriate assessments of damages and seek the necessary state and federal assistance for the affected areas.

FURTHER, I extend the time frame of § 34-23-75, Code of Ala. (1975), from seventy-two (72) hours to thirty (30) days. This extension shall apply to both instances where seventy-two (72) hours is set out in the statute. All other provisions of said statute shall remain in full force and effect. To the extent that § 34-23-75 conflicts with the terms of this paragraph, the said statute is suspended or amended to be in compliance with this Order.

FURTHER, I direct the following:

1. That non-controlled prescriptions may be refilled upon the presentation of the actual medication bottle indicating the name of the prescriber, copies of prescriptions, insurance billing report or insurance claim notification, or other documentation which would provide the pharmacist sufficient information to adequately identify the non-controlled medication and the dosage thereof. To the extent that § 34-23-70 conflicts with the terms of this paragraph, the said statute is suspended or amended to be in compliance with this Order;
2. That each Alabama pharmacist covered by said statutes shall use his or her good judgment in refilling prescriptions for this extended period of time and under these conditions;

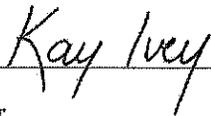
3. That this Order shall not apply to controlled substances; persons needing refills of controlled substance prescriptions who cannot produce the normally required bottle, prescription, or other documentation must seek and receive a new prescription from a person licensed to prescribe controlled substances in the State of Alabama; and
4. That the State Board of Health, as the lead agency for Emergency Support Function 8, is hereby authorized to promulgate emergency rules to implement this Order.

FURTHER, I declare that this Proclamation is supplemental to my emergency Proclamations of August 30, 2017; September 1, 2017; and September 6, 2017, including notice that the imposition of unconscionable prices (commonly referred to as "price gouging") during this State of Emergency is unlawful;

FURTHER, I declare that this Proclamation and all subsequent orders, laws, rules or regulations issued pursuant hereto shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of the State of Emergency unless rescinded or extended by Proclamation.

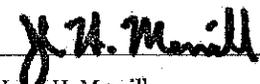


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this 8th day of September, 2017.



Kay Ivey
Governor

ATTEST:



John H. Merrill
Secretary of State