



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

### **RENEWAL OF STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTIONS**

- WHEREAS:** On April 14, 2022, due to the ongoing severe disruptions to Georgia's supply chain, I issued Executive Order 04.14.22.01, declaring a State of Emergency for Supply Chain Disruptions; and
- WHEREAS:** On May 10, 2022, I renewed the State of Emergency for Supply Chain Disruptions until June 14, 2022, by issuing Executive Order 05.10.22.01; and
- WHEREAS:** On May 26, 2022, I renewed the State of Emergency for Supply Chain Disruptions until July 14, 2022, by issuing Executive Order 05.26.22.01; and
- WHEREAS:** On July 1, 2022, I renewed the State of Emergency for Supply Chain Disruptions until August 13, 2022, by issuing Executive Order 07.01.22.01; and
- WHEREAS:** On August 3, 2022, I renewed the State of Emergency for Supply Chain Disruptions until September 12, 2022, by issuing Executive Order 08.03.22.01; and
- WHEREAS:** On September 1, 2022, I renewed the State of Emergency for Supply Chain Disruptions until October 12, 2022, by issuing Executive Order 09.01.22.01; and
- WHEREAS:** On October 3, 2022, I renewed the State of Emergency for Supply Chain Disruptions until November 11, 2022, by issuing Executive Order 10.03.22.01; and
- WHEREAS:** On November 4, 2022, I renewed the State of Emergency for Supply Chain Disruptions until December 11, 2022, by issuing Executive Order 11.04.22.01; and

**WHEREAS:** On December 8, 2022, I renewed the State of Emergency for Supply Chain Disruptions until January 10, 2023, by issuing Executive Order 12.08.22.01; and

**WHEREAS:** On January 6, 2023, I renewed the State of Emergency for Supply Chain Disruptions until February 9, 2023, by issuing Executive Order 01.06.23.01; and

**WHEREAS:** On November 1, 2022, Wellstar Atlanta Medical Center (“WAMC”), a designated Level 1 trauma center within the City of Atlanta, permanently closed; and

**WHEREAS:** WAMC was licensed for 460 beds and in 2021 served over 100,000 patients through its emergency department; and

**WHEREAS:** The closure of WAMC caused a negative impact to the healthcare supply chain in the areas of the state formerly served by WAMC, resulting in increased demand on the remaining healthcare infrastructure in such areas; and

**WHEREAS:** Code Section 38-3-51 vests the Governor with the power to renew any State of Emergency for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days; and

**WHEREAS:** Continued action by the State of Georgia is necessary to ensure the restoration of Georgia’s social and economic welfare by responding to the ongoing effects of the current supply chain disruptions on the State; and

**WHEREAS:** In consultation with state economic, transportation, health, and emergency preparedness officials, I have determined the state of emergency created by continued supply chain disruptions persists in the State of Georgia, and that it is necessary and appropriate to renew the State of Emergency for Supply Chain Disruptions for thirty (30) days.

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO CODE SECTION 38-3-51, AND THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

**ORDERED:** That the State of Emergency for Supply Chain Disruptions declared by Executive Order 04.14.22.01 and renewed by Executive Orders 05.10.22.01, 05.26.22.01, 07.01.22.01, 08.03.22.01, 09.01.22.01, 10.03.22.01, 11.04.22.01, 12.08.22.01, and 01.06.23.01, which is set to expire on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 11:59 P.M., shall be renewed for thirty (30) days.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That the State of Emergency for Supply Chain Disruptions shall terminate on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at 11:59 P.M., unless it is renewed by the Governor.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That all resources of the State of Georgia shall be made available to assist in activities designed to address this emergency and aid recovery and response efforts.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That all state and local authorities, as well as public and private entities, shall fully comply with all orders by the Governor as authorized by Georgia law, in furtherance of this Order.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** Pursuant to Code Section 10-1-393.4, price gouging related to goods and services necessary to prepare for and respond to this State of Emergency, including motor fuel and diesel fuel, would be detrimental to the social and economic welfare of the citizens of this State and is therefore prohibited.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That weight, height, and length for any such vehicle traveling through the State of Georgia for the purposes of providing relief related to this State of Emergency for Supply Chain Disruptions, which traverses roadways maintained by the State of Georgia, excluding interstates, shall not exceed the following:

- A. A maximum gross vehicle weight for vehicles equipped with five (5) weight-bearing axles, with an outer bridge span of not less than fifty-one (51) feet, shall not exceed a gross vehicle weight of ninety-five (95) thousand pounds, a maximum width of ten (10) feet, and an overall length of one hundred (100) feet. Continuous travel is authorized with the proper escorts.
- B. If the width of said vehicle exceeds eight (8) feet six (6) inches and is traveling after daylight, defined as thirty (30) minutes before sunset to thirty (30) minutes after sunrise, the transporter is required to have a vehicle front and a rear escort/amber light when traveling on a two-lane roadway and

a vehicle rear escort when traveling on a four-lane highway. Transporters are responsible for ensuring that they have proper oversize signs, markings, flags, and escorts as defined in the Georgia Department of Transportation Rules and Regulations.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:**

That commercial vehicles operating outside the normal weight, height, and length restrictions under the authority of this State of Emergency shall be issued permits by the Georgia Department of Public Safety. Said vehicles shall be subject to any special conditions the Georgia Department of Public Safety may list on applicable permits. Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to allow any vehicle to exceed weight limits posted for bridges and like structures, nor shall anything in this Executive Order be construed to relieve compliance with restrictions other than those specified in this Order or from any statute, rule, order, or other legal requirement not specifically waived herein.

Oversize permits may be issued by the Georgia Department of Public Safety, Motor Carrier Compliance Division, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday by calling 404-624-7700 or through the Georgia Permitting and Routing Optimization System online portal at <https://gapros.dot.ga.gov/>.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:**

That this Executive Order does not suspend operation of any state or federal law or regulation, except as specifically described herein, nor do the waiver of rules and regulations in this Order affect or amend similar rule and regulation waivers for motor carriers or commercial vehicles.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:**

That any provision of the laws or regulations of this state, including but not limited to Code Section 40-5-21.1, that limits the time period for which a noncitizen who holds a Georgia driver's license or identification card may be issued a temporary driving permit or identification card to 120 days from the date of expiration of his or her valid driver's license or identification card is hereby suspended to the extent necessary to allow noncitizen holders of a Georgia driver's license or identification card, whose driver's license or identification card expired on or after March 14, 2020, who have already been issued the 120 day temporary driving permit or identification card permitted under Code Section 40-5-21.1, and have

filed, or on whose behalf has been filed, a request for an extension with the United States Department of Homeland Security, or similar such federal issuing agency, for time to remain lawfully within the United States and said request is still pending, to apply to the Georgia Department of Driver Services for one or more additional 120 day temporary driving permits or identification cards. Any such temporary driving permit or identification card shall be issued in accordance with existing procedures established by the Georgia Department of Driver Services and in the sole discretion of the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Driver Services. The Georgia Department of Driver Services shall be authorized to issue additional guidelines and procedures for the application and issuance of said temporary driving permits and identification cards as needed. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to suspend or otherwise alter any existing identity or lawful status verification requirements established by the Georgia Department of Driver Services to comply with federal REAL ID requirements.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:**

That in compliance with Ga. Comp. R. & Reg. r. 111-2-2-.07(1)(k), hospitals within a five-mile radius of the main address of the former WAMC, 303 Parkway Drive Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia 30312, (hereinafter "WAMC Adjacent Hospitals") may seek emergency approval from the Department of Community Health ("DCH"), Office of Health Planning to make expenditures in excess of the capital expenditure threshold or to offer services that may otherwise require a Certificate of Need pursuant to Code Section 31-6-40, for the purpose of serving increased patient populations as a result of the WAMC closure.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:**

That DCH is authorized and directed to implement the suspension of Code Section 31-2-7 where suspension would reduce the administrative burden on WAMC Adjacent Hospitals in responding to the healthcare supply chain disruptions caused by the WAMC closure.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:**

That the Commissioner of DCH or his/her designees are authorized and directed to implement waivers of those rules and regulations necessary to prohibit the prevention, hindrance, or delay of necessary action to assist or aid in coping with this State of Emergency.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That DCH is authorized and directed to require reports from any WAMC Adjacent Hospital that utilizes the provisions of this Order confirming actions taken to assist, aid, or cope with the response to this State of Emergency, with a final reporting to be provided upon the expiration of this State of Emergency.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That authorizations and waivers issued by DCH in accordance with the authority provided in this Order shall remain valid and in force for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from the expiration of this State of Emergency.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That if one or more of the provisions contained in this Order shall be held to be invalid, in violation of the Georgia Constitution, in violation of Georgia law, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, violation, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this Order, but, in such case, this Order shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained within the Order.

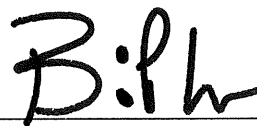
**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** The Office of the Governor may continue to issue guidance on the scope of this Order as needed through communication media, including social media, without need for further Executive Orders.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That all provisions of this Order shall become effective upon signature.

This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2023.



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**GOVERNOR**