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§29-30-5. Volunteer health practitioner registration system.

(a) To qualify as a volunteer health practitioner registration system, a system must:

(1) Accept applications for the registration of volunteer health practitioners before or during an emergency;

(2) Include information about the licensure and good standing of health practitioners which is accessible by authorized persons;

(3) Be capable of confirming the accuracy of information concerning whether a health practitioner is licensed and in good standing before health services or veterinary services are provided pursuant to this article; and

(4) Meet one of the following conditions:

(A) Be an emergency system for advance registration of volunteer health care practitioners established by a state and funded through the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Section 319I of the Public Health Services Act, 42 U. S. C. Section 247d-7b, as amended;

(B) Be a local unit consisting of trained and equipped emergency response, public health, and medical personnel formed pursuant to Section 2801 of the Public Health Services Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 300hh as amended;

(C) Be operated by a:

(i) Disaster relief organization;

(ii) Licensing board;

(iii) National or regional association of licensing boards or health practitioners;

(iv) Health facility that provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient health care services, including a tertiary care and teaching hospital; or

(v) Governmental entity; or

(D) Be designated by the Governor or his or her designee as a registration system for purposes of this article.

(b) While an emergency declaration is in effect, the Governor or his or her designee or a host entity, may confirm whether volunteer health practitioners utilized in this state are

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registered with a registration system that complies with this article. Confirmation is limited to obtaining identities of the practitioners from the system and determining whether the system indicates that the practitioners are licensed and in good standing.

(c) Upon request of a person in this state authorized pursuant to this article, or a similarly authorized person in another state, a registration system located in this state shall notify the person of the identities of volunteer health practitioners and whether the practitioners are licensed and in good standing.

(d) A host entity is not required to use the services of a volunteer health practitioner even if the practitioner is registered with a registration system that indicates that the practitioner is licensed and in good standing.

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