

Executive Order No. 2018-43

Mandatory Medical Evacuation of Two Healthcare Facilities

WHEREAS, due to the impact of Hurricane Florence, the undersigned has declared a State of Emergency and placed into effect the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors located in the threatened areas; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing effects of Hurricane Florence include severe flooding, and such flooding and the impacts thereof represent an imminent threat to the safety, security, and welfare of the residents and patients of healthcare facilities that may be impacted by flood waters; and

WHEREAS, inundation mapping provided by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and reviewed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) indicates that severe flooding is possible in and around Georgetown County, which may flood or otherwise impact certain healthcare facilities; and

WHEREAS, as the Chief Executive of the State, the undersigned is authorized pursuant to section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, to direct and compel the evacuation of all or part of the populace from any stricken or threatened area if this action is considered necessary for the preservation of life or other emergency mitigation, response, or recovery; and

WHEREAS, due to the dangers associated with severe flooding, the undersigned has determined that the evacuation of healthcare facilities in and surrounding the threatened areas is necessary for the preservation of life; and

WHEREAS, upon consultation with the South Carolina Emergency Management Division and DHEC, the undersigned has determined that it is necessary to evacuate the specific healthcare facilities identified herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, effective September 25, 2018, I hereby order a mandatory medical evacuation of the following healthcare facilities licensed by DHEC:

Oasis Residential Home, CRC-1219
2317 Prince Street
Georgetown, SC 29440-2925

Tidelands Georgetown Memorial Hospital, HTL-0007
606 Black River Road
Georgetown, SC 29440
(INPATIENTS ONLY)

Said facilities must evacuate by Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at 12:00 p.m. Further, the following healthcare facilities evacuated in accordance with Executive Order 2018-40 shall remain evacuated:

Grand Strand Rehab and Nursing Center, NCF-0993
4452 Socastee Blvd.
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

South Island Assisted Living, CRC-1272
2902 South Island Road
Georgetown, SC 29440

Blue Ridge Healthcare, Georgetown, NCF-0633
2715 South Island Road
Georgetown, SC 29440

Further proclamations, orders, and directives deemed necessary to ensure the fullest possible protection of life and property during this State of Emergency shall be issued verbally by me and thereafter reduced to writing and published for dissemination within the succeeding twenty-four-hour period.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 25th DAY OF
SEPTEMBER, 2018.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**