

Executive Order No. 2018-40

Mandatory Medical Evacuation of Three Healthcare Facilities

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2018, the undersigned issued Executive Order 2018-26, declaring a State of Emergency due to Hurricane Florence and placing 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 effects of Hurricane Florence include severe flooding in the rivers and areas of the State; and

WHEREAS, the flooding represents 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 Department of Natural Resources and reviewed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) predicts severe flooding is possible in Georgetown County and Horry County that may flood three healthcare facilities; and

WHEREAS, I am authorized pursuant to section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, as the elected Chief Executive of the State, to direct and compel 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, I have determined that evacuation of specific healthcare facilities due to flooding is necessary for the preservation of life in and surrounding the threatened area; and

WHEREAS, I, with consultation of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division and DHEC, have determined that it is necessary to evacuate these specific healthcare facilities.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the 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 on September 21, 2018, I do hereby order a mandatory medical evacuation of the following healthcare facilities licensed by DHEC:

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

Said facilities must evacuate all residents by Tuesday, September 25, 2018, at 12:00 PM. Further, the following healthcare facility evacuated under previous Executive Order 2018-28 and should remain evacuated:

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

Further Proclamations and Orders 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 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 21st DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**