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Powers, Duties, Privileges, and Immunities: State Employees Providing Aid in Another Jurisdiction

Fla. Stat. 252.41

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

A state employee, a political subdivision employee, or a person who provides emergency management support will have the same powers, duties, privileges, and immunities whether they are providing their services inside or outside of Florida.

Good Samaritan Law: Veterinary Medicine

Fla. Stat. 768.13(3)

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An individual or a licensed veterinarian who, in good faith and voluntarily, provides emergency care to an injured animal at the scene of an emergency will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act.

Generally, Good Samaritan laws only offer protection for those individuals who provide care during spontaneous emergencies unrelated to volunteer deployment.

Liability: Volunteer

Fla. Stat. 768.1355

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

An individual who, in good faith and without compensation, volunteers services for a nonprofit will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

Liability: Volunteer

Fla. Stat. 110.504(4)

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

An individual who volunteers goods or services to a state agency or a nonprofit organization will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

Liability: Use of an Epi Pen

Fla. Stat. 381.885(3), (5)

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An individual certified to use epi pens or an uncertified person who, in good faith and voluntarily, administers or supplies an epi pen to a person believed to be suffering an allergic reaction will not be held legally responsible. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness.

This section applies to the dispensing health care practitioner or pharmacist.

Liability: Use of Real Estate

Fla. Stat. 252.51

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

An individual who owns or controls real estate and, voluntarily and without compensation, allows it to be used to shelter people during an actual, impending, or mock disaster or attack will not be held legally responsible for death, injury, or damage to property suffered while on their real estate. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

Liability: Volunteer during Public Health Emergency

Fla. Stat. 381.00315(2)

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

When a public health emergency declaration is in effect, an individual who, voluntarily, provides assistance to the State Health Officer will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

They are entitled to workers' compensation if injured or killed while providing assistance.

Powers, Duties, Rights, Privileges, and Immunities: Law Enforcement Providing Aid in Another Jurisdiction

Fla. Stat. 23.127

Law Enforcement

An employee of a law enforcement agency who provides care outside the employee's jurisdiction will receive the same powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and workers' compensation as if they were providing care in their home jurisdiction.

Good Samaritan Law

Fla. Stat. 768.13(2)(a)

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An individual who, in good faith and voluntarily, provides emergency care outside of a hospital and without proper medical equipment or objection of the injured victim will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act.

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Liability: Providing Temporary Support to First Responders

Fla. Stat. 252.515

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When a public health emergency declaration is in effect, a person who, in good faith and voluntarily, provides temporary housing, food, water, or electricity to an emergency first responder or their immediate family will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act. They can be held legally responsible for acting with extreme carelessness.

This legal protection extends up to 6 months after the end of the emergency declaration.

Retired License: Nurse

Fla. Stat. 464.0205

Nurse

A retired practical or registered nurse who was previously licensed in a U.S. jurisdiction can apply for a retired nurse certificate. The certificate can only be used for serving underserved or critical need populations.

License Reciprocity

Fla. Stat. 213.055(3)(b)(2)

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

When an emergency declaration is in effect, an out-of-state employee who is in Florida to perform emergency related work or to provide aid pursuant to a mutual aid agreement is not required to follow state or local occupational licensing requirements.

License Reciprocity: Veterinarian

Fla. Stat. 474.2125

Veterinarian

When an emergency declaration is in effect, an out-of-state licensed veterinarian can apply for a temporary license to enter Florida to provide care to animals.

A temporary license will only be valid for 30 days.

Liability: Use of Opioid Antagonist

Fla. Stat. 381.887(5)

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An individual, health care practitioner, or pharmacist who, in good faith, possesses, prescribes, dispenses, stores, or administers an opioid antagonist will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness.

A health care practitioner or pharmacist acting in good faith and with reasonable care will not be subject to professional discipline.

**Scope of Practice: Pharmacist
Emergency Prescription Refills**

Fla. Stat. 252.358

Pharmacist

When a hurricane warning by the National Weather Service or a state emergency declaration is in effect, prescription medication refill time restrictions can be waived if the prescription has refills remaining. A pharmacist can dispense a 30 day supply of any prescription.

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**Scope of Practice: Pharmacist
Administration of Vaccines and Epi
Pen**

Fla. Stat. 465.189(1)

Pharmacist

A pharmacist or a registered intern under the supervision of a pharmacist who has completed the appropriate training can administer immunizations, vaccines, or epi pen. The immunizations and vaccines to be administered are limited to those listed on the CDC Adult Immunization Schedule, the CDC international travel recommendations list, or those approved in response to an emergency declaration.

Scope of Practice: Veterinarian

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Veterinarian

Only a veterinarian can treat or immunize an animal for brucellosis, tuberculosis, rabies, or equine encephalomyelitis.

Scope of Practice: EMT and Paramedic

Fla. Stat. 401.272

Physician, EMT

An EMT or paramedic can perform health promotion and wellness activities and administer immunization in non-emergency environments when under the supervision of a medical director.

The medical director must verify EMT and paramedic credentials to ensure they have received appropriate training.

Workers' Benefits: State Employee Volunteer Leave

Fla. Stat. 110.120

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An employee of Florida, who is a certified disaster service volunteer of the American Red Cross, is entitled to leave with regular pay to participate in disaster relief operations within the state upon request of American Red Cross and approval of the employee's agency. Approval of the Governor and Cabinet is required to receive leave for disaster relief outside of Florida. During leave, the employee will not be considered a state employee for the purposes of workers' compensation.

This is limited to 15 days in a 12 month period either consecutively or nonconsecutively .

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Workers' Compensation: Firefighter

Fla. Stat. 440.091(2)

Firefighter

A firefighter who is extinguishing a fire or protecting life or property is entitled to workers' compensation if injured or killed. A firefighter who is off duty or the location of the fire is outside of their home jurisdiction is not entitled to workers' compensation if injured or killed.

Workers' Compensation: EMT or Paramedic

Fla. Stat. 440.091(3)

EMT

An EMT or paramedic who is employed by a political subdivision and provides life support is entitled to workers' compensation if injured or killed. An EMT or paramedic who provides care outside of their home jurisdiction is not entitled to workers' compensation if injured or killed.

Workers' Compensation: Volunteer

Fla. Stat. 110.504(5), Fla. Stat. 125.9504(4)

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Workers' Compensation: Law Enforcement

Fla. Stat. 112.19

Law Enforcement

A law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer who is injured or killed while performing their duties is entitled to workers' compensation.

Workers' Compensation: Firefighter

Fla. Stat. 112.191

Firefighter

A full time firefighter who is injured or killed while performing their duties is entitled to workers' compensation.

Relevant Compacts

Emergency Management Assistance Compact