

Scope of Practice: Volunteer Health Practitioner

La. R.S. 29:788

An out-of-state licensed volunteer health practitioner, who is in the state to provide aid, must follow the scope of practice of a similarly licensed practitioner in Louisiana. This does not allow a practitioner to provide services outside of their personal scope of practice. The Department of Health and Hospitals can modify or restrict the services a volunteer health practitioner can provide.

Provision of volunteer health services; administrative sanctions

- A. Subject to Subsections B and C of this Section, a volunteer health practitioner shall adhere to the scope of practice for a similarly licensed practitioner established by the licensing provisions, practice acts, or other laws of this state.
- B. Except as otherwise provided in Subsection C of this Section, this Chapter does not authorize a volunteer health practitioner to provide services that are outside the practitioner's scope of practice, even if a similarly licensed practitioner in this state would be permitted to provide the services.
- C. The Department of Health and Hospitals, or a state licensing authority may modify or restrict the health services that volunteer health practitioners may provide pursuant to this Chapter. An order under this Subsection may take effect immediately, without prior notice or comment, and is not a rule within the meaning of R.S. 49:950 et seq.
- D. A host entity may restrict the health services that a volunteer health practitioner may provide pursuant to this Chapter.