



State of New York
Executive Chamber

No. 4.3

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Continuing the Declaration of a Statewide Disaster Emergency Due to Healthcare Staffing Shortages in the State of New York

WHEREAS, there are staffing shortages in hospital and other healthcare facilities and they are expected continue;

WHEREAS, severe understaffing in hospitals and other healthcare facilities is expected to continue to affect the ability to provide critical care and to adequately serve vulnerable populations;

WHEREAS, there is an immediate and critical need to supplement staffing to assure healthcare facilities can provide care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of New York and Section 28 of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, do hereby extend the state disaster emergency as set forth in Executive Order 4, as continued in Executive Order 4.2, and continue the terms, conditions, and suspensions contained in Executive Orders 4, 4.1, and 4.2 until January 25, 2022.

IN ADDITION, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 29-a of Article 2-B of the Executive Law to temporarily suspend or modify any statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation, or parts thereof, of any agency during a State disaster emergency, if compliance with such statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation would prevent, hinder, or delay action necessary to cope with the disaster emergency or if necessary to assist or aid in coping with such disaster, I hereby temporarily suspend or modify, for the period from the date of this Executive Order through January 25, 2022 the following:

- Section 2824(7)(c) of the Public Health Law to the extent necessary to permit healthcare facilities to continue to employ surgical technologists who failed to meet the minimum standards for surgical technologists within two years of the start of employment or contracting for the performance of surgical technology.



GIVEN under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State in the City of

Albany this twenty-sixth day of December in the year two thousand twenty-one.

Kathy Hochul

BY THE GOVERNOR

[Signature]

Secretary to the Governor