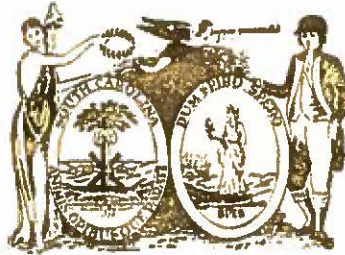


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*Mark Hammond*  
SECRETARY OF STATE



Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2017-24

WHEREAS, effective at 2:00 PM on September 7, 2017, the undersigned issued Executive Order 2017-23, ordering a mandatory medical evacuation of healthcare facilities in stated zones within the counties of Charleston, Dorchester, Berkeley, Georgetown, and Horry; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing evacuation order was issued in light of the force and anticipated impact of Hurricane Irma and the resulting threat to the safety, security, and welfare of the residents and patients of coastal healthcare facilities and was deemed necessary for the preservation of life or other emergency mitigation, response, or recovery; and

WHEREAS, after carefully considering the latest weather forecasts and other relevant information, the Department of Health and Environmental Control ("Department") has determined that the anticipated impact of Hurricane Irma conditions throughout the counties of Charleston, Dorchester, Berkeley, Georgetown, and Horry no longer pose an imminent threat to the life, health, safety or welfare of residents and patients of healthcare facilities.

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, I hereby rescind the mandatory medical evacuation order for the counties of Charleston, Dorchester, Berkeley, Georgetown, and Horry, effective at 2:00 PM on September 8, 2017.

FURTHER, nothing in this Order prohibits local officials from restricting access to areas of danger to ensure the safety, security, and welfare of healthcare facility residents, patients, and visitors during the State of Emergency and any recovery period.

FURTHER, all healthcare facilities in the counties of Charleston, Dorchester, Berkeley, Georgetown, and Horry should still monitor the weather and exercise due caution to ensure that safe conditions continue to exist for residents, patients, and visitors.

**FURTHER**, this Order to rescind does not affect the mandatory medical evacuation of healthcare facilities in Beaufort County (all Zones), Colleton County (Zones A, B), and Jasper County (Zones A, B) as set forth in Executive Order 2017-23. Pursuant to Executive Order 2017-23, healthcare facilities in Beaufort County (all Zones), Colleton County (Zones A, B), and Jasper County (Zones A, B) should have initiated processes to facilitate evacuation prior to Hurricane Irma's impact or requested an exemption to shelter in place pursuant to the Department's Critical Data Sheet (CDS).

This Order shall take effect at 2:00 PM on September 8, 2017. Further proclamations and directives deemed necessary to ensure the fullest protection of life and property during this State of Emergency shall be issued orally by me and thereafter reduced to writing within the succeeding 24-hour period.



**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE  
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 8th DAY OF  
SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

  
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**HENRY MCMASTER**  
Governor

ATTEST:  
  
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**MARK HAMMOND**  
Secretary of State