

Executive Order No. 2016-35

WHEREAS, effective at 3:00 PM on October 4, 2016, the undersigned issued Executive Order 2016-27 ordering a mandatory medical evacuation of all healthcare facilities licensed by the Department of Health and Environmental Control (“Department”) located in designated evacuation zones in Charleston, Dorchester, Berkeley, and Colleton counties; and

WHEREAS, effective at 3:00 PM on October 4, 2016, the undersigned issued Executive Order 2016-30 ordering a mandatory medical evacuation of all healthcare facilities licensed by the Department to reflect updated zones in these same counties; and

WHEREAS, these decisions were made due to the force of Hurricane Matthew and the imminent threat to the safety, security, and welfare of the residents and patients of coastal healthcare facilities, and considered necessary for the preservation of life or other emergency mitigation, response, or recovery; and

WHEREAS, after ordering the medical evacuations, the undersigned then ordered mandatory general evacuations of all persons in designated evacuation zones in Charleston, Dorchester, Berkeley, and Colleton counties through Executive Orders 2016-31 and 2016-33; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned issued Executive Order 2016-34 effective today, October 9, 2016, at 10:00 AM rescinding the general evacuation order for all persons in Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton and Dorchester counties, as there is no longer an imminent threat to the life, health, safety or welfare of residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Governor pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of South Carolina, I hereby rescind the medical evacuation order for Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, and Dorchester counties, effective at 3 PM, October 9, 2016.

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

FURTHER, all healthcare facilities in these counties should take due caution to travel safely across roads and bridges in returning, and understand that portions of these areas and/or their home may be without power.

FURTHER, this Order does not rescind medical evacuation orders for counties where a general evacuation is still in effect. These medical evacuations will only be lifted pursuant to local official’s notification that these areas are safe. Medical evacuation orders for Jasper, Beaufort, Georgetown and Horry counties, pursuant to Executive Orders 2016-27 and 2016-30, will be rescinded when general evacuation orders for each of these counties is rescinded.

FURTHER, for the health and welfare of the citizens, dialysis centers licensed by the Department are allowed to open in all counties regardless of the medical or general evacuation order in place for that county.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
THIS 9th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

**NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor**