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## FSMB Statement on Assisting Medical Boards Impacted by Hurricane Irma

Washington, D.C. (September 8, 2017) – Today, FSMB President and CEO Humayun Chaudhry, DO, MACP released the following statement addressing the efforts underway to assist state medical boards impacted by Hurricane Irma:

"We have been in close contact with the Virgin Islands Board of Medical Examiners to offer our assistance after Hurricane Irma devastated the Virgin Islands and crippled St. Thomas' only hospital. FSMB will be providing services to the board to ensure that any physicians responding to the need for additional medical professionals are fully vetted and licensed. Additionally, the FSMB has expedited the process of verifying pending medical licenses and credentialing requests as a means to enhance response efforts.

We are closely monitoring the path of the storm as it approaches the United States, and have been in touch with both the Florida Board of Medicine and the Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine to offer our full assistance. Our thoughts are with all those impacted and we stand ready to assist the impacted communities in the days and weeks to come."