

Nurse Licensure Compact Update

The Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) has now passed in twenty-two states: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin. Kentucky's bill will be implemented on June 1, 2007. Colorado's bill will also be implemented in the summer of 2007. New Jersey has also not been implemented yet. New Jersey did not implement the Compact and it has since expired. The 21 states which have implemented the Compact thus far are: Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin.

Kentucky implemented the Compact in the June 2007 and Colorado will implement in October 2007. (Addendum A).

For future reference on the current status of Compact States, refer to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing web site at:

http://www.ncsbn.org/nlc/rnlpvcompact_mutual_recognition_state.asp

NCSBN Welcomes Rhode Island as the 23rd State to Pass NLC Legislation

Rhode Island recently passed legislation to join the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC). The state will now begin the rule writing process to work toward implementation of the NLC, which is tentatively planned for July 1, 2008.

New Organization Supports the Compact

The Association of Camp Nurses (ACN) has announced support for the NLC. The Association of Camp Nurses (ACN) is a professional nursing organization working toward healthier camp communities by supporting the practice of camp nursing. ACN's national office is in Bemidji, Minnesota. Board members represent a variety of camp nursing experiences. The organization is volunteer-driven by nurses who are committed to developing camp nursing practice and working to provide healthy camp communities. For more information, see:

<http://www.campnurse.org/index.html>