

Nurse Licensure Compact Update

Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact

29 States have enacted the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming have joined the enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (eNLC) that went into effect on January 19, 2018. Kansas passed the eNLC out of both legislative chambers and it is awaiting the Governor's signature. eNLC bills are also pending in Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Vermont, New Jersey, and Rhode Island. <https://www.nursecompact.com/>

The Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators (ICNLCA) is the governing body of the eNLC. In NLC states with enacted eNLC legislation, nurses who hold multistate licenses will be grandfathered into the eNLC and will be able to practice in other eNLC states on the implementation date.

<https://www.ncsbn.org/11281.htm>

www.nursecompact.org

Resources

NCSBN and the eNLC member states produced two new videos intended to help nurses, their employers and the general public gain a clear understanding of benefits and requirements for a multistate license and steps needed to prepare for eNLC implementation. One video was produced for nurses in states that were part of the original compact and the other video was created for nurses in states new to the compact.

<https://www.ncsbn.org/enhanced-nlc-implementation.htm>

Letters were mailed to nurses, educators and employers to notify them of the implementation of the eNLC prior to the January 19, 2018 implementation.

APRN Compact

Three states have passed and enacted the APRN Compact: Idaho, North Dakota, and Wyoming. Nebraska, Iowa, and West Virginia have pending eNLC bills in their legislature.

www.aprncompact.com

Other Healthcare Licensee Compacts in Development

The American Telemedicine Association has published a state-by-state matrix of Healthcare Professions Licensure Compact Legislation. (**Attachment A**)

The eNLC compiled information on the status of other healthcare licensing compacts in August 2017. (**Attachment B**)

Texas Compact Statute and Rules

The Texas NLC Statute can be found at:

https://www.bon.texas.gov/laws_and_rules_nursing_practice_act_2017.asp#_Toc498606636

Rules for the Compact adopted by the Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators may be found on the NCSBN website at <https://www.ncsbn.org/enlcrules.htm>



State Licensure Compact Legislation Tracking (as of January 2018)

State	Interstate Medical Licensure Compact	Enhanced NLC	APRN Compact	PSYPACT	PTLC	Notes
Alabama	✓					
Alaska						
Arizona	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Arkansas		✓				
California						
Colorado	✓	Proposed*		Proposed	✓	Original NLC Compact State
Connecticut						
Delaware		✓				
DC	Proposed					
Florida		✓				
Georgia		✓				
Hawaii						
Idaho	✓	✓	✓			
Illinois	✓			Proposed		
Indiana	Proposed					
Iowa	✓	✓				
Kansas	✓					
Kentucky		✓			✓	
Louisiana						
Maine	✓	✓				
Maryland		✓				
Massachusetts		Proposed				
Michigan	Proposed	Proposed				
Minnesota	✓					
Mississippi	✓	✓			✓	
Missouri		✓		Proposed	✓	
Montana	✓	✓			✓	
Nebraska	✓	✓	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	
Nevada	✓			✓		
New Hampshire	✓	✓			✓	
New Jersey		Proposed			✓	
New Mexico		Proposed*				Original NLC Compact State
New York		Proposed				Provision within AB 6778
North Carolina		✓			✓	
North Dakota		✓	✓		✓	
Ohio						
Oklahoma		✓				
Oregon					✓	
Pennsylvania	✓				Proposed	
Rhode Island	Proposed	*				Original NLC Compact State
South Carolina		✓				
South Dakota	✓	✓				
Tennessee	✓	✓			✓	
Texas	Proposed	✓			✓	
Utah	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Vermont	Proposed	Proposed				
Virginia		✓				
Washington	✓				✓	
West Virginia	✓	✓	Proposed			
Wisconsin	✓	*				Original NLC Compact State
Wyoming	✓	✓	✓			

✓ = Enacted in 2017

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IMLC activated with 7 states.

eNLC activated with 26 states or by Dec. 2018

* = Original NLC Compact State (Needed 26 states)

PSYPACT activated with 7 states.

PTLC activated with 10 states.

Other Interstate Licensure Compacts for Healthcare Professions

Compacts in Progress

- 1) Nursing (RN/LPN)
- 2) Nursing (APRN)
- 3) Physicians
- 4) Physical Therapists
- 5) Emergency Medical Technicians
- 6) Psychologists

Compacts or Portability Options Being Considered

- 1) Occupational Therapists
- 2) Speech Pathologists / Audiologists
- 3) Nutritionists / Dieticians
- 4) Athletic Trainers
- 5) Physician Assistants
- 6) Social Workers
- 7) Counselors
- 8) Veterinarians



Enactment Status of Interstate Licensure Compacts

