

Nurse Licensure Compact Update

34 States Enact the Nurse Licensure Compact: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming have enacted the enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC). Alabama will implement on January 1, 2020 and implementation dates for Indiana and New Jersey are not yet determined. Bills have been introduced in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Michigan.

<https://www.ncsbn.org/nurse-licensure-compact.htm>

The Commission of Interstate Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators

The Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators (ICNLCA) is the governing body of the eNLC. They are authorized by law to promulgate uniform rules to facilitate and coordinate implementation and administration of this Compact. They are also empowered to adopt bylaws to conduct the operations of the Commission. The Commission held a two day Summit in February to discuss strategic policy decisions. The Commission also met face to face in conjunction with the 2019 NCSBN Midyear meeting and will meet again face to face at the NCSBN Midyear meeting on March 2, 2020.

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New Rules

The Commission has adopted rules twice since implementation of the NLC. All Compact rules adopted by the Commission can be found at:

<https://www.ncsbn.org/finalrules.pdf>

Resources

NCSBN has organized resources to help Boards of Nursing prepare staff for NLC implementation. Materials cover a wide range of topics and include: online course, factsheets, policy statements, FAQs, toolkits, videos and more.

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APRN Compact

Three states have passed and enacted the APRN Compact: Idaho, North Dakota, and Wyoming. The NCSBN Board of Directors appointed a 2018-2019 APRN Compact Task Force to consider potential changes to promote broader adoption of the Compact. The Task Force reported to the NCSBN Board of Directors at their February meeting and presented recommendations to the membership at the NCSBN Midyear Meeting in March. At their May meeting, the Board of Directors considered comments on the recommended statutory changes and decided to recommend adoption of the revised APRN Compact to the August 2019 Delegate Assembly. After receiving comments at the annual meeting the item was removed from the agenda and left pending.

<https://www.ncsbn.org/aprn-compact.htm>

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