



Licensure Compacts

GENERAL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. What is a health care licensure compact?**
A licensure compact is an agreement between states that allows health care professionals to practice across state lines without having to obtain multiple state-specific licenses.
- 2. How do health care licensure compacts work?**
If you are licensed in one compact state, you may be eligible to practice in other participating states, depending on the compact's rules and your home state's participation.
- 3. Who oversees health care licensure compacts?**
Each compact is governed by its own interstate commission, which ensures compliance and addresses issues related to compact participation and enforcement.
- 4. What states participate in these compacts?**
The list of states varies by compact. You should check the specific compact's website for an updated list of participating states.
- 5. Are all states part of health care licensure compacts?**
No, not all states have joined each compact. Participation depends on individual state laws.
- 6. How do I know if my state is part of a compact?**
You can verify your state's participation by visiting the compact's official website or checking with your licensing board.
- 7. How do compacts benefit consumers?**
Compacts increase access to care by allowing practitioners to offer services across state lines, improving availability and reducing wait times for patients.
- 8. Do compacts improve access to rural and underserved areas?**
Yes, compacts can help improve access to care in rural and underserved areas by enabling providers to serve patients in multiple states.
- 9. Can states join or leave a compact?**
Yes, states can pass legislation to join or withdraw from a compact at any time.
- 10. Who is eligible to apply under a compact?**
Licensed health care professionals who meet the criteria established by their home state and the compact are eligible to apply.
- 11. How do I verify if a provider has compact privileges?**
You can check with the state's licensing board or the compact's commission to verify a provider's compact status.
- 12. Can practitioners using compact privileges be held accountable in my state?**
Yes, practitioners are subject to the laws and regulations of the state where they are practicing, including disciplinary actions.

Each health care licensure compact is governed by its own specific rules, requirements, and processes. While this document provides general information about how compacts work, it's important to remember that no two compacts are exactly the same. For detailed, compact-specific information, including eligibility criteria, application processes, and practice requirements, please refer to the official website of each individual compact. These websites contain comprehensive FAQs, up-to-date state participation lists, and additional resources tailored to the specific profession and compact.



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