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The Nurse Licensure Compact

Unlocking Access to Nursing Care Across the Nation

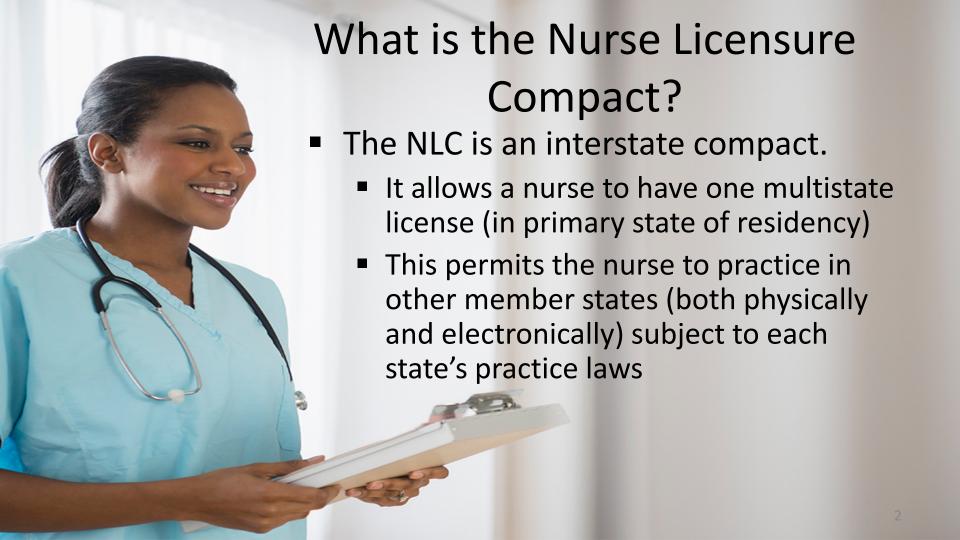
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Public Policy Goal

Nurse Licensure Compact A State-Based License Nationally Recognized Locally Enforced



NLC Benefits for Nurses

- Ability to practice in multiple states with one license
- Reduces regulatory requirements by removing necessity for obtaining a license in each state
- Clarifies a nurse's authority to practice in multiple states via telehealth



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Historical Perspective of the NLC/eNLC

- 1997: NCSBN endorsed mutual recognition model and approved NLC model language
- 2000-2015: 25 states enact NLC with only one state joining from 2010-2015
- 2014: Decision made to revise NLC
- 2014-2015: eNLC drafted and approved by NCSBN members
- 2016: eNLC first introduced & adopted by states



Why Did We Revise the NLC?

- Several states expressed concerns that they couldn't join current NLC for various reasons
- Current NLC states wanted to ensure long-term growth and viability of the NLC
- Need for facilitating interstate nursing practice continues to grow



What's New in the eNLC?

- Uniform licensure requirements
- Grandfathering provision
- Authority to obtain and submit criminal background checks (CBCs)
- Establishes Interstate Commission with rulemaking authority



eNLC Implementation

- The eNLC is effective at the earlier of 26 state enactments or December 31, 2018
- Five new states have joined the eNLC that were not members of the original NLC
- Multistate licenses issued under the original NLC will be recognized by party states in the eNLC for six months after that compact's effective date
- For the most up-to-date information about the eNLC, please
 visit <u>nursecompact.com</u>

The APRN Compact

- Designed to mirror basic concepts of eNLC
- Mutual recognition model of licensure like NLC
- Available to all four roles of APRNs
- Complies with APRN Consensus Model
 - Full practice authority: practice independent of a supervisory or collaborative relationship with a physician
 - Prescriptive authority for legend drugs
- Compact in effect when adopted by 10 states
 - Adopted by ID, WY, and ND currently

