

Interstate Compact Update

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What is an Interstate Compact?

- Simple, versatile and proven tool
 - Used to create administrative agencies which have jurisdiction over a wide variety of state concerns such as occupational licensure and public safety
- Effective means of cooperatively addressing common problems
 - Advances in technology, increasingly mobile world
- Allows states to respond to national priorities with one voice
 - Threats of federally mandated solution
 - Distrust of federal government
- Retains collective state sovereignty over issues belonging to the states
 - State licensure processes remain in place
 - Licensees voluntarily become part of a Compact
 - State practice acts are not impacted

Benefits of Interstate Compacts

- Effectiveness and efficiency
 - Economies of scale
- Flexibility and autonomy compared to national policy
 - “One size does not fit all”
- Dispute resolution among the states
- State and federal partnership
- Cooperative behaviors leading to “win-win” situations

Why an Interstate Compact?

- Mobile society (patients and practitioners)
- Technological advancements
- Support of spouses of relocating military members
- Deficit of health care professionals, especially serving rural areas
- Rising population
- Access to highly qualified specialists
- Enhance the states’ ability to protect the public’s health and safety
- Enhance the exchange of licensure, investigatory, and disciplinary information between member states

Notable Healthcare Compacts

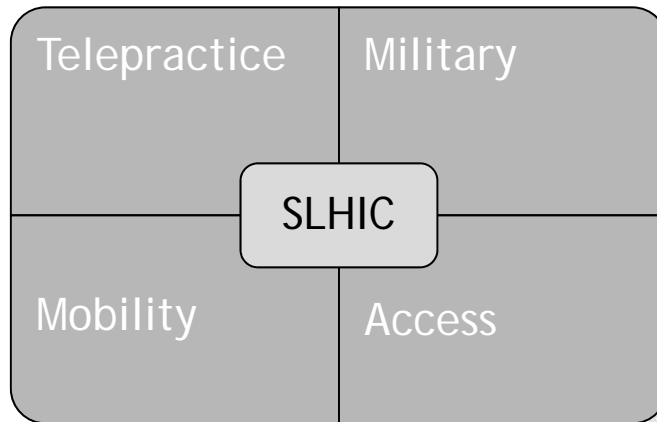
- Nurse Licensure Compact - 25 states
- Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact - 26 states
- Compact on Mental Health - 45 states
- Emergency Management Assistance Compact - 50 states
- EMS Licensure Compact (REPLICA) - 12 states
- Medical Licensure Compact - 20 states
- Physical Therapy Compact - 14 states
- Psychology Compact (PsyPact) - 3 states (7 state threshold)
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Compact - 3 states (10 state threshold)

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Interstate Compact Development

Phase I Development	Phase II Education and Enactment	Phase III Transition and Operation
<p>ADVISORY GROUP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Composed of approx. 20 state officials, stakeholders and issue experts ➤ Examines issues, current policy, best practices and alternative structures ➤ Establishes recommendations as to the content of an interstate compact <p>DRAFTING TEAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Composed of 5 to 8 state officials, stakeholders, and issue experts ➤ Crafts compact based on recommendations ➤ Circulates draft compact to states and stakeholder groups for comment <p>FINAL PRODUCT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Drafting team considers comments and incorporates into compact ➤ Final product sent to advisory group ➤ Released to states for consideration 	<p>EDUCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Develop comprehensive legislative resource kit ➤ Develop informational internet site with state-by-state tracking and support documents ➤ Convene "National Briefing" to educate legislators and key state officials <p>STATE SUPPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Develop network of "champions" ➤ Provide on-site technical support and assistance ➤ Provide informational testimony to legislative committees <p>STATE ENACTMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Track and support state enactments ➤ Prepare for transition and implementation of compact ➤ Provide requested support as needed 	<p>TRANSITION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Enactment threshold met ➤ State notification ➤ Interim Executive Board appointed ➤ Interim Committee's established ➤ Convene first Compact meeting ➤ Information system development (standards, security, vendors) <p>OPERATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ongoing state control and governance ➤ Staff support ➤ Annual assessment, if necessary ➤ Annual business meeting ➤ Information system oversight (maintenance, security, training, etc.) ➤ Long-term enhancements / up-grades

Speech-Language-Hearing Interstate Compact



SLHIC Timeline

- ▶ Year 1: Advisory Committee - Develop compact concept
- ▶ Year 2: Drafting Committee - Draft compact language
- ▶ Year 3: Outreach & Education - Outreach to state leaders and legislatures to educate and support passage of implementing language
- ▶ Year 4: Outreach & Education - Continued outreach to pass implementing language and adoption of compact in 10 states

SLHIC Actions: Jun-Dec 2017

Action	Jun -17	Jul -17	Aug -17	Sep -17	Oct -17	Nov -17	Dec -17
Develop Advisory Group / Conduct Project Research / Plan & Develop Advisory Materials	x	x	x	x			
Convene In-Person Advisory Group Meeting #1 - Follow Up					x	x	x

SLHIC Advisory Group Members



SLHIC Advisory Group

- Met in Washington, DC on October 9-10, facilitated by the Council of State Governments - National Center for Interstate Compacts
- Role of Advisory Committee
 - Design and oversight of development process
 - Substantive/strategic guidance to Drafting Team and key stakeholders
- Goals of First Meeting
 - Share background info; discuss and refine objectives
 - Become more familiar with interstate compact mechanism
 - Take ownership of the process
 - Provide guidance to Drafting Team
 - Identify “next steps”
- Follow up on conference calls are being planned for Fall/Winter 2017 to get consensus on facilitated discussions

SLHIC Advisory Group Discussion Topic Areas

- ▶ Purpose/Objective
- ▶ License v. Privilege
- ▶ Eligibility Criteria/Uniform Standards
- ▶ Discipline/Adverse Actions
- ▶ Re-licensure/Reinstatement
- ▶ Info Systems/Database
- ▶ Telehealth
- ▶ Structure
- ▶ Powers & Duties
- ▶ Finance

SLHIC Next Steps: Jan-Jun 2018

Action	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18
Convene Virtual Advisory Group Meeting # 2 - Follow Up	x	x				
Convene Final Advisory Group Meeting #3 - Follow Up		x	x			
Finalize Advisory Group Recommendations / Finalize Drafting Team Membership / Plan & Develop Drafting Team Materials			x	x	x	
Convene Drafting Team Meeting #1 / Plan Drafting Team Follow-Up & Next Steps					x	x

SLHIC Resources

- ▶ **Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact Webpage:**
<http://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/Audiology-and-Speech-Language-Pathology-Interstate-Compact/>
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