Nurse Licensure Compact Forum

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Unlocking Access to Nursing Care Across the Nation
What is the Nurse Licensure Compact?

- The NLC is an interstate compact.
  - It allows a nurse to have one multistate license (in primary state of residence)
  - This permits the nurse to practice in other member states (both physically and via telecommunications) subject to each state’s practice laws
What is an Interstate Compact?

- A statutory agreement between two or more states established for the purpose of remedying a particular problem of multistate concern
- A contract between two or more party states
Public Policy Goal

Nurse Licensure Compact

- A State-Based License
- Nationally Recognized
- Locally Enforced
Who Benefits?

- Patients
- Telehealth
- Hospitals & Employers
- Nurses
- Boards of Nursing
- Educators
- Military Spouses
- Rural Populations
Drivers of Change

- NLC adoption slowed
- Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- Military/veterans’ health care challenges
Drivers of Change

- Telehealth services are increasingly being utilized, transforming care delivery and erasing geographic boundaries.
- Other health care professions developing compacts (medicine, physical therapy, EMS, psychology).
Why Did We Pursue Enhancing 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 Does it Take to Join?

- A state must enact the enhanced NLC model legislation
- A state must have the ability to conduct a federal criminal background check
What’s New?

- Now referred to as the enhanced NLC.
- Uniform licensure requirements
- Authority to obtain and submit criminal background checks (CBCs)
- Reporting of participation in alternative to discipline programs in Nursys®
Effective Date

- Does not become effective until the earlier of enhanced NLC enactment by 26 states or Dec. 31, 2018
# NLC supporters across the U.S.

| Air & Surface Transport Nurses Association | American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing | American Association of Colleges of Nursing |
| American Association of Neuroscience Nurses | American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN) | American Association of Poison Control Centers |
| American Nephrology Nurses Association | American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) | American Telemedicine Association (ATA) |
| Association of Camp Nurses | Association for Vascular Access | Case Management Society of America (CMSA) |
| Center for Telehealth and E-Health Law | CGFNS International, Inc. | Citizen Advocacy Center (CAC) |
| Commission for Case Manager Certification | Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) | Health IT Now |
| National Military Family Association | National Governors Association Center for Best Practices | National League for Nursing |
| National Patient Safety Foundation | Oncology Nursing Society | Population Health Alliance |
| Telehealth Leadership Council | U.S. Department of Commerce | |
Thank you!

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