

Nurse Licensure Compact

Webinar

Multistate Licensure for Telephonic Practice (Telehealth)

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Terminology

- **Multistate License or Compact License:** one license issued in the home state valid for practice in all NLC states.
- **Party State**: any NLC state
- **Single State License:** valid only in state of issuance.
- **Home State:** the primary state of residence
- **Remote States:** NLC states other than the home state
- **PSOR:** Primary State of Residence
- **PTP:** Privilege to Practice. The authority for a multistate license holder to practice in other NLC states.

What is the Nurse Licensure Compact?

A statutory agreement between two or more states established for the purpose of remedying a particular problem of multistate concern.

Each party state is a signatory to the same contract. For that reason there is a need for “substantive sameness.”

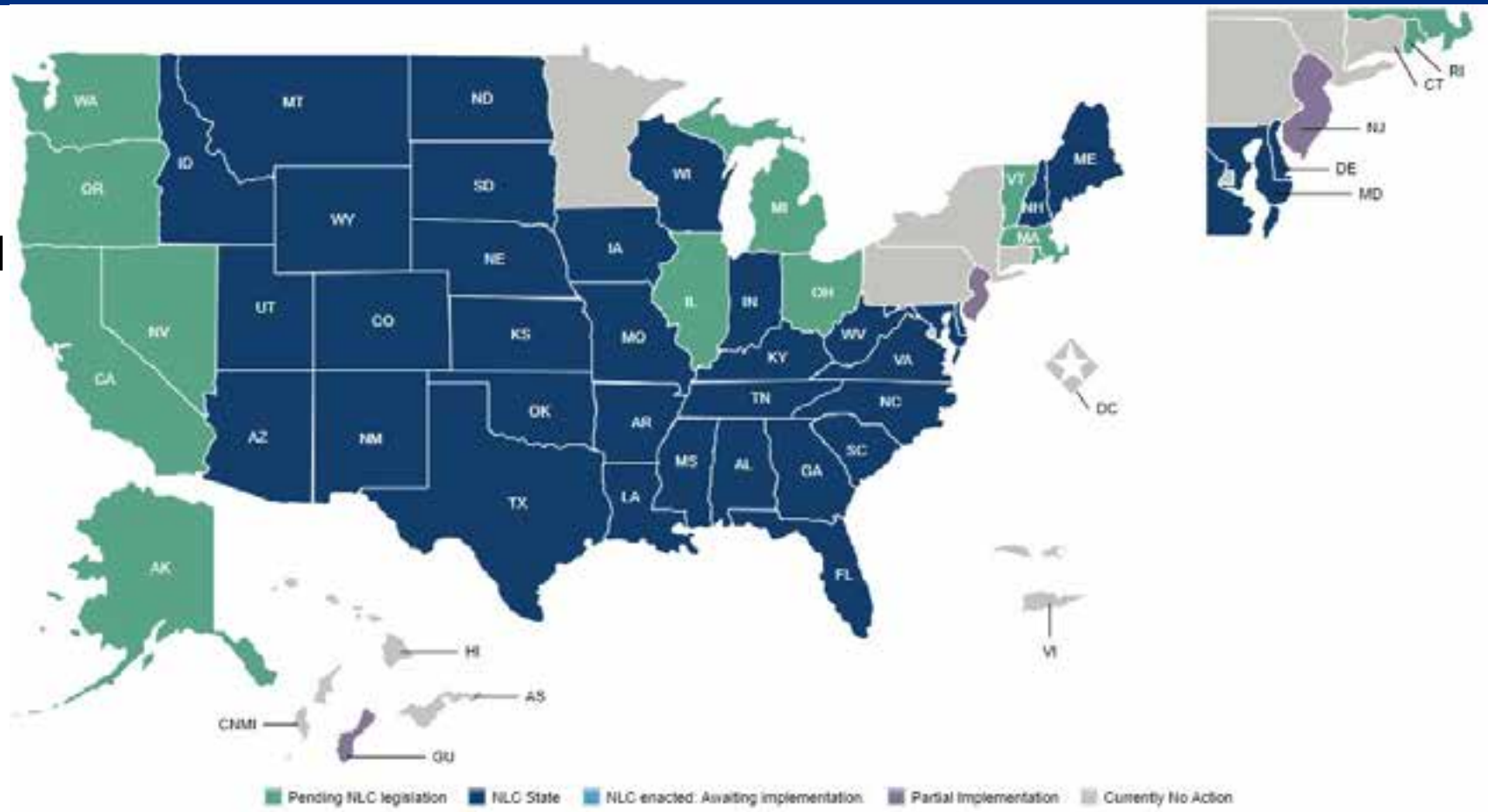
The NLC allows for a nurse to have one multistate license (issued from his/her primary state of residency).

The NLC permits the nurse to practice in other compact states (physically or via telehealth) subject to each states laws.



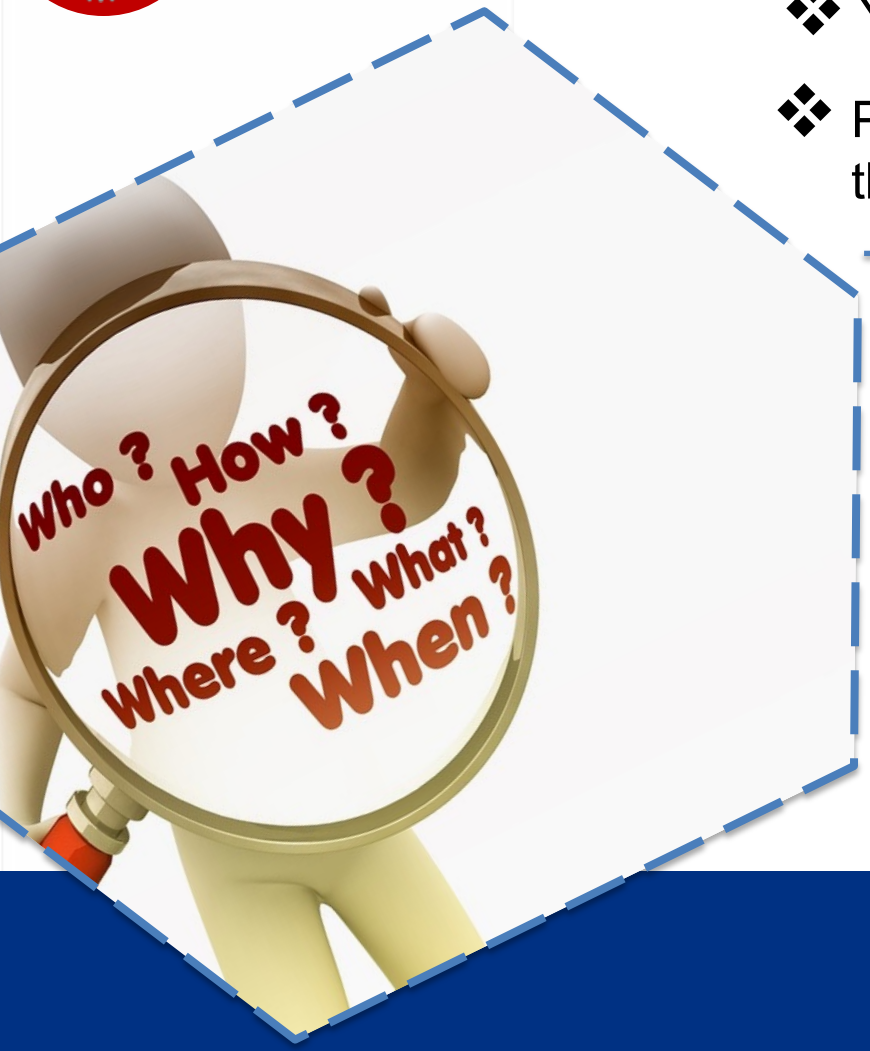
Which States are Part of the NLC?

35 **States have enacted the NLC**



*Nurses holding a multistate license in their home state may now utilize that license to practice in New Jersey and Guam
*Nurses residing in New Jersey will not be able to apply for a multistate license until the 2nd half of 2021. The date is TBD
*Nurses residing in Guam will not be able to apply for a multistate license until 2022.

Why Need More than One License?



- You need more than one license because practice requires licensure.
- Practice takes place in the state where the patient/consumer is located at the time nursing service is provided.

MSL Enhances Mobility and Portability

- Telehealth practice (call center, triage, case managers, etc)
- Disaster recovery assistance
- Military spouse relocation; military moonlighting or training in civilian facilities
- Nursing faculty engaged in distance education
- Access for rural populations and healthcare shortage areas
- Facility staffing: travel nursing
- Home health and hospice
- Transport nursing
- Nurses residing near borders and practicing in an adjacent state.

Practice Means…

- **Most states include these elements in the state's definition of nursing practice:**
  - Practice is when a nurse utilizes knowledge, education, training, or decision-making skills, related to nursing.



Where Does Practice Take Place?



- A nurse must have the authority to practice (PTP) in the state where the patient/consumer is located at the time nursing service is provided.



"As the organizations representing…state…licensing boards…that regulate the practice of medicine, pharmacy and nursing, … (we) affirm that in a consumer protection model, health care practice occurs where the recipient of healthcare services is located."

Source: The Tri-Regulator Collaborative Position Statement on Practice Location for Consumer Protection

Relevant provisions in the NLC

Article III (e). A nurse practicing in a party state must comply with the state practice laws of the state in which the client is located at the time service is provided.

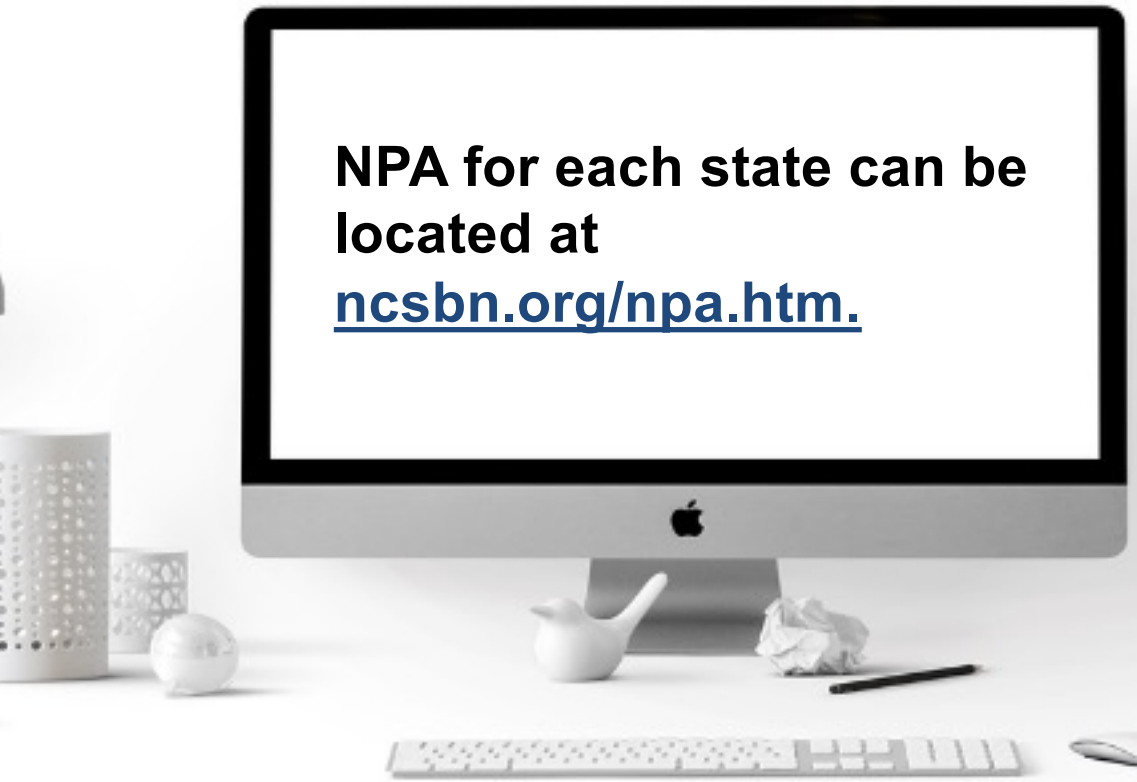
The practice of nursing is not limited to patient care but shall include all nursing practice as defined by the state practice laws of the party state in which the client is located.

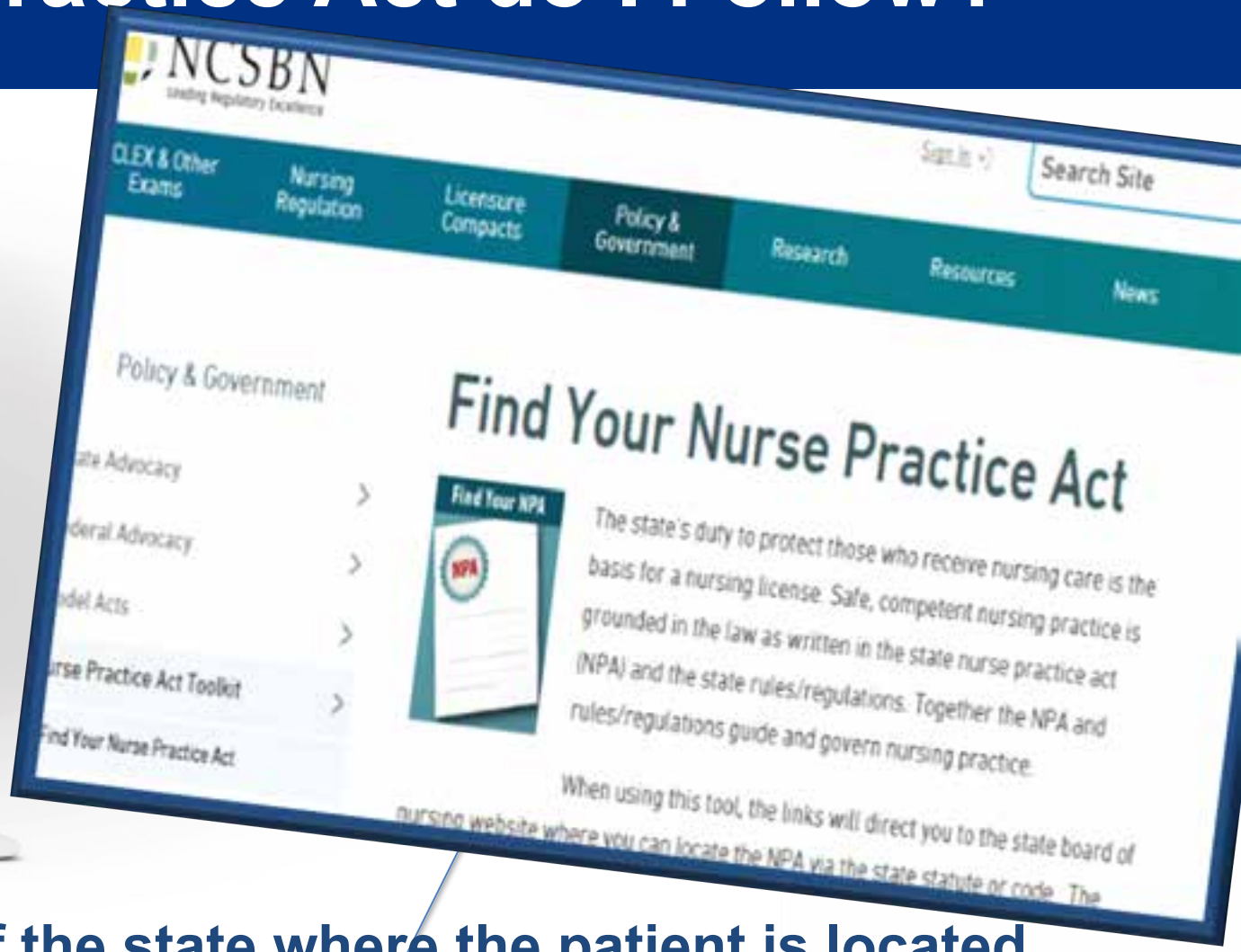
The practice of nursing in a party state under a multistate licensure privilege will subject a nurse to the jurisdiction of the licensing board, the courts and the laws of the party state in which the client is located at the time service is provided.

One Example from California

"A California RN license is required for in-state or out-of-state RNs to perform telephone medical advice services to California addresses. It is incumbent upon the RN to be knowledgeable and competent in the practice when offering telephonic assessment, evaluation, referral, or advice to patients or their family members."

Which Nurse Practice Act do I Follow?





A nurse should follow the NPA of the state where the patient is located at the time nursing service is provided.

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Where can the nurse practice as an RN and/or PN?

A visual representation of all the states where the selected nurse has authorization to practice

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NAME ON LICENSE	TYPE	LICENSE STATE	LICENSE	ACTIVE	LICENSE STATUS	LICENSE ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE	LICENSE EXPIRATION DATE	COMPACT STATUS
[redacted], SANDRA	RN	IDAHO	[redacted]	YES	✔ UNENCUMBERED	08/10/1971	08/31/2021	MULTISTATE

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