

# Interstate Medical Licensure Compact



**What is the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact?** The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (Compact) creates a trusted pathway to expedite the licensing of physicians already licensed to practice in one state, who seek to practice medicine in multiple states. The Compact makes it easier for physicians to obtain licenses to practice in multiple states and strengthens public protection by facilitating state medical board sharing of investigative and disciplinary information that they cannot share now. The American Medical Association supports state adoption of the Compact as a way to help modernize the state licensure system and promote uniformity in requirements for state licensure. With the proliferation of telehealth, the Compact has been instrumental in providing physicians interested in caring for patients across state lines via telehealth a pathway to obtain licensure in other states.

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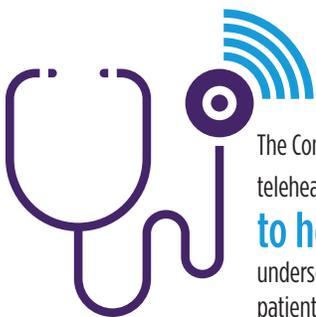


A medical license processed through the Compact is a **full-unrestricted license** issued by the respective state medical board.



Since its inception the number of applications processed through the Compact has skyrocketed. Since April 2017 more than **150,000 new licenses** have been issued with over 60,000 issued in 2023 and 2024. Per Compact data, applicants receive **4 licenses** through the Compact on average.

The Compact **does not** change the state's existing **Medical Practice Act** or **usurp state authority** to regulate the practice medicine.



The Compact expands the reach of telehealth, **increasing access to health care** for individuals in underserved or rural areas and allowing patients to consult medical experts more easily.

Per the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission, the (IMLCC), **20% of IMLCC physicians** report that they **intend to serve in rural and underserved areas.**

The Compact **does not require** physicians to participate in **Maintenance of Certification.**

The Compact has been **adopted in 42 states** plus **Washington, D.C., and Guam.**

