

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 will make it easier for physicians to obtain licenses to practice in multiple states and will strengthen 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 can be 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 **32,000 state licenses** were issued. Once a letter of qualification is issued, the average processing time is approximately 18 days with over half the applications taking **7 days or less.**

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



The Compact helps **expand 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.

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

The Compact has been **adopted in 37 states** plus **Washington, D.C., and Guam.**

