

Additional questions about proposed interstate licensing compacts

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Who would be affected by the compact? Are any of these practitioners unionized? If so, which unions represent these practitioners?

LPCS and LPCC's in Minnesota. Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors. No unions represented.

How will practitioners who are not represented by the advocates learn about the bill?

MNCA, BBHT, and stakeholders will inform and share information about the compact.

Do standards for practice and/or licensing vary throughout the country? How?

Yes. Each state has their own standards/practices for licensing.

Does the compact already exist? When did it become active? Which states are members of the compact? If not, when will it become active?

Yes it has existed since 2021, it was enacted when 10 states passed legislation. Right now there are over 30 states that have passed legislation. These states include South and North Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska and Wisconsin.

How many of the affected occupation are currently working in Mn? How many are expected to work in Minnesota if the compact is approved?

3,900 active LPCCS in MN. In 2023 130 applied for reciprocity from other states.

Will Minnesota's regulatory authority be notified when an out-of-state begins practice in Minnesota? What process, if any, will be followed?

Once an individual applies for the Privilege to Practice in Minnesota, the Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy will be notified through a shared data system required for all Counseling Compact states.

How will out-of-state practitioners be regulated while in MN? Will Minnesota's regulatory agency accept and investigate complaints regarding out-of-state licensees? If not, what is the process for a patient to make a complaint?

Yes, the Board will accept and investigate complaints against those who hold the Privilege to Practice in Minnesota, when the complaint is regarding services they provided to a client in Minnesota. An individual granted the Privilege to Practice in Minnesota is required to adhere to Minnesota's laws and regulations. Any disciplinary action taken against an individual with the Privilege to Practice in Minnesota will be shared with the Compact through the shared data system.

Does the regulator body have capacity/how will it increase capacity to handle additional complaints? Will out-of-state practitioners pay a fee to increase regulatory capacity?

The Board does not anticipate needing to increase capacity to handle complaints received against individuals with the Privilege to Practice in Minnesota. The Board will assess fees when an individual applies for the Privilege to Practice in Minnesota. The fees will help support the management of compact privileges and any complaints received.