

## Talking Points PA Licensure Compact HF2623 / SF2394

### What is the PA Licensure Compact?

The PA Licensure Compact (PA Compact) is an interstate professional licensing compact for PAs which will address licensure portability, streamline PA licensing, and expand access to care for patients. The PA Compact will provide licensed PAs the opportunity to practice in states that join the compact without the need to apply through each state's licensure application process. This applies to PAs whether they are practicing in person or by telemedicine.

The PA compact is completely optional – PAs may utilize the compact to obtain privileges to practice in all states in which they are practicing or wish to practice, or they may continue to obtain a single state license in states. **Furthermore, the PA compact will not change scope of practice** – PAs utilizing the compact must still abide by the state laws and regulations in the state in which they are practicing.

**The PA Compact will also establish a multistate data system that will enhance public protection by facilitating the sharing of licensure and disciplinary information across compact member states.**

### Who was involved in the development of this compact?

The PA licensure compact was drafted through a collaboration of:

- The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)
- Council of State Governments (CSG)
- The American Academy of Physician Associates (AAPA)
- National Commission on the Certification of PAs (NCCPA)

### Does Minnesota participate in any Interstate Licensure Compacts?

- Minnesota's Legislature unanimously passed the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact in 2015 for physicians.
- Minnesota adopted the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) in 2021

### When would it become effective?

The compact will be activated and begin the process to operationalize the compact when seven states have enacted the compact model legislation. **At the present time Utah, Delaware, Wisconsin and Washington state have passed the legislation and 15 states have introduced the bill. This compact is passing without objection and fast.** We are hopefully MN can be one of the first 7 state to be included in rule making. Historically, the process for a licensure compact to become fully operational can take up to 24 months after its activation. Applications for compact privileges will not be available until the compact commission becomes fully operational.

## Licensing Compact Benefits

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Authorizes practice  
in other member  
states



Reduces effort  
needed to maintain  
individual state  
licenses



**Takes advantage  
of telehealth  
opportunities**



Improves continuity  
of care



**Increases access  
to services by  
expanding care  
provider options**



States retain  
control of scope of  
practice