

What is the

COUNSELING COMPACT?

The Counseling Compact is an occupational licensure compact that:

- ✓ Addresses increasing demand to provide Professional Counseling services.
- ✓ Authorizes both telehealth and in-person practice across state lines in Counseling Compact states.
- ✓ Is similar in form and function to occupational licensure compacts for nursing, psychology, medicine, physical therapy and emergency medical services.

10 STATES

The Counseling Compact is operational when 10 states enact the legislation for the compact.

- Professional Counselors licensed in their home state apply for a privilege to practice under the Counseling Compact—state lines are a barrier no more.
- Counseling Compact states communicate and exchange information including verification of licensure and disciplinary sanctions.
- Counseling Compact states retain the ability to regulate practice in their states.

BENEFITS

- Increasing access to client care.
- Facilitating continuity of care when clients relocate or travel.
- Certifying that counselors have met acceptable standards of practice.
- Promoting cooperation among Counseling Compact states in the areas of licensure and regulation.
- Offering a higher degree of consumer protection across state lines.

IMPACTS

- Allowing licensed counselors to practice face-to-face or through telehealth across state lines without having to become licensed in additional Counseling Compact states.
- Permitting counselors to provide services to populations currently underserved or geographically isolated.
- Allowing military personnel and spouses to more easily continue in their profession when relocating.

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