

Nurse Licensure Compact Update

The Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) has now passed in twenty-two states: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin. Kentucky's bill will be implemented on June 1, 2007. Colorado's bill will also be implemented in the summer of 2007. New Jersey has also not been implemented yet. New Jersey did not implement the Compact and it has since expired. The 20 states which have implemented the Compact thus far are: Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin.

Kentucky will implement the Compact in the June 2007 and Colorado will implement in October 2007. (Addendum A).

For future reference on the current status of Compact States, refer to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing web site at:

http://www.ncsbn.org/nlc/rnlpvncompact_mutual_recognition_state.asp

New Support for the Compact:

Disease Management Association of America has recently expressed organizational support of the Nurse Licensure Compact. (Addendum B).

NCSBN Receives Grant:

I reported in past reports that the National Council received the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Grant for Licensure Portability. The award is in the amount of \$342,000. The grant will provide funding for implementation of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) by providing incentive grants for states to implement; provide funding to defray costs related to implementation of the uniform licensure requirements, including criminal background checks, by providing incentive grants to states; and provide funding for an annual nurse licensure portability summit to discuss licensure issues with states and stakeholders. Kentucky has been approved for a grant to implement criminal background checks.

A press release regarding the grant can be found at: <https://www.ncsbn.org/1097.htm>

APRN Compact:

Utah and Iowa are the only states who have thus far passed the APRN Compact. When the APRN Compact was initially adopted in Utah, it only included Nurse Practitioners and Clinical Nurse Specialists. SB 45 was just enacted adding nurse anesthetists and nurse midwives to the APRN Compact law in that state. The law is effective April 30.

The APRN Compact is included in HB 2426, the BNE's Sunset bill. Texas Nurses Association would like to discuss some changes to this legislation with Utah and Iowa during the next biennium so that changes might be considered by all three states together.

NCSBN Selects Kentucky Board of Nursing for Funding to Implement Nurse The Licensure Compact

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NCSBN has issued the first contract award to the Kentucky Board of Nursing for its implementation of the NLC under a grant that NCSBN received from HRSA's Office for the Advancement of Telehealth.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHICAGO The National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. (NCSBN) has issued the first contract award to the Kentucky Board of Nursing for its implementation of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) under a grant that NCSBN received from the Health Resources and Services Administration's Office for the Advancement of Telehealth. NCSBN received the grant to work with state boards of nursing to reduce licensure barriers impacting telehealth and interstate nursing practice.

We are very appreciative of this grant that will assist the Kentucky Board of Nursing to implement the NLC in a manner that best benefits our constituents, remarks Charlotte F. Beason, executive director of the Kentucky Board of Nursing.

Currently 22 states have passed the NLC law and 20 have implemented mutual recognition model for nurse licensure. The NLC is modeled after the U.S. Drivers License Compact; it allows nurses who legally reside in an NLC state and meet the uniform core requirements to practice in other participating NLC states on the privilege to practice. Additionally, NCSBN promotes the utilization of criminal background checks (especially FBI fingerprint checks) as one of its Delegate Assembly adopted uniform core requirements for state boards of nursing. In doing so, NCSBN is recognizing that by assisting all states in implementing this activity, it will advance licensure portability across the U.S.

NCSBN Board of Directors President Faith Fields comments, We are excited to begin

issuing the contract awards that will aid boards of nursing to initiate the NLC and pleased to provide funding to the Kentucky Board of Nursing support them in implementing their participation.

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Inquiries about the Licensure Portability Grant or the NLC may be directed to Kristin Hellquist, NCSBN director of policy and government relations, by calling 312.525.3665 or e-mailing to "<mailto:khellquist@ncsbn.org>">khellquist@ncsbn.org .

DMAA

Disease Management Association of America

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Dear Ms. Apple:

I write on behalf of the Disease Management Association of America and our more than 200 corporate and individual members to express our support for the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC). DMAA supports state level efforts to enact model legislation, currently in 22 states, providing for participation in the NCL.

DMAA represents the disease and care management community including disease management organizations, health plans, employers, benefit managers and consultants, physician groups, hospitals, pharmacy benefit managers, pharmaceutical manufacturers, health care professionals, and academicians. Disease management programs offered by DMAA member organizations frequently employ nurse advice lines, tele-nursing call centers, home health and long distance patient monitoring, hospital follow-up care, and disaster mobilization.

DMAA members recognize the importance of the NCL to increase access to safe nursing care by simplifying governmental processes and removing regulatory barriers. In today's fast paced health care environment of new technology and practice modalities, it is critical that nurses are able to comply with state licensure laws that cross state lines. The increased mobility of the nursing workforce further underscores the need for licensure reciprocity laws.

DMAA and its members are pleased to support NCBSN's efforts to bring more states under the NCL. Please let me know how our members can be of additional assistance in this effort.

Sincerely,



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President and CEO

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