The Nurse Licensure Compact

Compact Description

- The Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) is an interstate compact among participating states that enables nurses to practice in-person or providing telenursing services to patients located across the country without having to obtain additional licensing through mutual recognition.

- This allows nurses to quickly cross state borders and provide vital services in the event of a disaster.

- This removes a burdensome expense for organizations that employ nurses and may share the cost of multiple licenses and makes practicing across state boarders affordable and convenient.

What professions are included?

- Registered Nurses (RNs) and Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses (LP/VNs)

Compact States

- As of Jan. 1, 2021, there are 34 states in the NLC.

Regulatory body for the occupation

- The Compact is an agreement among states, with the Nurse Licensure Compact Commission serving as the coordinating organization. The Commission is made up of representatives from each participating state.

Link to compact language

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