



February 8, 2023

Assemblyman Daniel O'Donnell
Legislative Office Building 712
Albany, NY 12248

For Support/Comment Letters: AB 3391

Dear Assemblyman O'Donnell,

On behalf of the American Telemedicine Association (ATA), I am writing to express strong support of AB 3391. Both the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) and the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC) have been enacted in 39 states and territories and ATA is pleased to see New York take an important step towards adopting the NLC and the IMLC and expanding access to care and telehealth services.

As the only organization completely focused on advancing telehealth, the ATA is committed to ensuring that everyone has access to safe, affordable and appropriate care when and where they need it, enabling the system to do more good for more people. The ATA represents a broad and inclusive member network of technology solution providers and payers, as well as partner organizations and alliances, working to advance industry adoption of telehealth, promote responsible policy, advocate for government and market normalization, and provide education and resources to help integrate virtual care into emerging value-based delivery models.

The NLC allows registered nurses (RN) and licensed practical/ vocational nurses (LPN/VN) to have one multistate license, in his or her state of residency, that grants the privilege to practice in other NLC participating states, both physically and remotely using telehealth. Utilizing telehealth nursing improves continuity of care for both urban and rural patients, especially those in underserved communities who may not have access otherwise. The NLC is crucial in enabling and delivering efficient, 21st century nursing care across state lines using digital health technologies.

The IMLC offers an expedited and streamlined pathway to licensure for physicians who wish to practice both physically and remotely in multiple states. Utilizing telehealth improves continuity of care for both urban and rural patients in underserved communities who may not have access to care otherwise. The IMLC is particularly important to enabling and delivering efficient, 21st century medical care across state lines using digital health technologies.

We applaud your efforts for taking action to advance this vital legislation and encourage all legislators, including members of the Committee on Higher Education to advance this legislation.

We believe that the NLC and IMLC would maintain a high level of patient safety as well as improve the coordination of care and healthcare outcomes for constituents throughout the state. If you have any questions or would like to further discuss ATA's perspective on this critical issue, please contact me at kzebley@americantelemed.org.

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Kind regards,

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