

March 18, 2026

The Honorable Matt Hall  
Speaker  
Michigan House of Representatives  
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P.O. Box 30014  
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The Honorable Jeremy Moss  
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**RE: NEED FOR IMMEDIATE LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO KEEP MICHIGAN IN THE IMLC**

Dear Speaker Hall, President Pro Tempore Moss and members of Michigan House and Senate Leadership,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations and members of the American Telemedicine Association (ATA) and ATA Action, we write to urge the Michigan Legislature to take immediate action to ensure that Michigan maintains its participation in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC). Passage of legislation to ensure Michigan's continued membership, specifically either House Bill 5455 or Senate Bill 303, is critical to protecting patient access to care and maintaining the state's healthcare workforce capacity.

ATA Action is the affiliated policy and legislative advocacy arm of the American Telemedicine Association. ATA Action is the leading advocacy organization dedicated to advancing policy and accelerating the adoption of technology-enabled healthcare. Working collaboratively with federal and state legislators and policymakers, our organization drives industry momentum by influencing legislative and regulatory developments in telehealth, virtual care, remote patient monitoring, artificial intelligence in health, health data privacy, private sector healthcare investment, and more. We represent a diverse membership – including hospital systems, technology companies, professional associations, direct-to-consumer digital health providers, payers, pharmaceutical manufacturers, digital therapeutics developers, and remote monitoring organizations.

The IMLC is a state-led solution that streamlines the physician licensure process, enabling qualified physicians to obtain licenses in multiple states more efficiently while preserving each state's authority to regulate medical practice. Participation in the IMLC has proven to be an effective tool for improving healthcare access. By reducing duplicative administrative barriers to physician licensure, the compact helps health systems recruit physicians, expand telehealth services and ensure that patients can receive timely care regardless of geographic boundaries.

Since Michigan joined the compact in 2019, thousands of physicians have used this pathway to provide care to Michigan patients and to expand access to care across state lines. Unfortunately, due to the sunset provision in Michigan's statute, the state began a one-year withdrawal process from the IMLC on March 28, 2025. Unless the legislature acts before March 28, 2026, Michigan will exit the compact. This would create unnecessary disruption for patients and physicians alike.

According to data from the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission, more than 5,000 physicians—approximately one-third of Michigan's physician workforce—could lose their compact-based authority to practice medicine across state lines if Michigan leaves the compact. Such a disruption would have significant consequences for patient access to care, particularly in rural and underserved communities where physician shortages are already a major concern.

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As telehealth and multistate practice become increasingly important components of modern healthcare delivery, policies that support licensure portability are more important than ever. Maintaining Michigan's membership in the IMLC will help ensure continuity of care, support healthcare workforce mobility, and protect patients' access to needed services.

Furthermore, the timing of this withdraw may also have serious financial repercussions for the state. The Rural Health Transformation Program has put an emphasis on encouraging participation in compacts, including the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. Ensuring that Michigan is an "IMLC Member State serving as a State of principal license" is worth 100 points in the competitive portion of the program's application. Unfortunately, should Michigan withdraw from the IMLC, it could result in the state losing ground when competing for millions of dollars in funding from the Rural Health Transformation Program.

We respectfully urge legislative leadership in both chambers to prioritize passage of legislation that restores Michigan's participation in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact before the March 28, 2026, deadline. Thank you for your attention to this critical issue and for your continued commitment to improving healthcare access for patients across Michigan.

Kind regards,

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