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Chair Corner

It sometimes feels like I am a broken record, but the PA Compact just keeps growing. Two more jurisdictions have joined since the last newsletter, and we are up to 29 members. This number should stay steady for a while as the majority of legislative sessions have wrapped up for the year.

PA Compact Commission committees and their members have remained busy, and we look forward to sharing that work at the Full Commission meeting on September 18. The work of those committees keeps the PA Compact moving forward and preparing it for when the data system is created.

Though the start of data system development has been delayed, the PA Compact staff and Executive Committee have worked closely with both the Commission's funding partners and the vendor, and we hope to start work on the database by the end of August. If that happens, the PA Compact plans to have a viable database in early 2027, which is in line with our previous projections.

Similar to other compact data system projects, the initial database project is just the start. There will need to be future contracts with vendors to maintain and improve the database and onboard states. This will also require time and funds and, until states are onboarded and the system is being used regularly, the PA Compact remains dependent on the support of outside entities. The Commission appreciates this support as it prevents assessing a fee on Member States. If you are aware of funding opportunities that may help us reach that goal more quickly, please contact us at pacompact@csg.org.

As we continue to move forward, I would like to take a moment to look back and thank one of the original commission members, Larry Marx, from the state of Utah. Larry was present at the original PA Compact Commission meeting and was elected to serve as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee. Larry has provided two annual budgets and worked to ensure that the funds currently available to the PA Compact are used wisely. In addition, Larry set the groundwork for the process of determining what administrative fees are charged to PAs. This is a complicated process, with many variables, and Larry has proceeded with thoughtful deliberation and concern for both the PA Compact and the PAs who will use the PA Compact.



Larry is beginning a new chapter, and I want to offer him my personal thanks as well as the appreciation and good wishes from the PA Compact Executive Committee. Thank you for all your contributions. We wish you well.

- Tim Terranova, PA Compact Commission Chair

Legislative Update

As of August 28, 2026, there are 29 Compact Member States. Legislation to enact the Compact is currently filed in 2 states—Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. No states are actively issuing privileges yet. Click [here](#) to view a map of legislation in each state.

State	Act/Bill Number	Enactment Date ¹	Effective Date ²
Utah	SB 35	14-Mar-2023	3-May-2023
Delaware	SB 116	21-Jul-2023	21-Jul-2023
Wisconsin	SB 400	7-Dec-2023	8-Dec-2023
Minnesota	HF 5247	24-May-2024	25-May-2024
Washington	HB 1917	13-Mar-2024	6-Jun-2024
West Virginia	SB 667	9-Mar-2024	6-Jun-2024
Virginia	HB 324	4-Apr-2024	1-Jul-2024
Maine	LD 2043	23-Apr-2024	16-Jul-2024
Colorado	SB 24-018	17-May-2024	7-Aug-2024
Post-Inaugural Meeting			
Ohio	SB 28	24-Jul-2024	24-Oct-2024
Oklahoma	HB 3781	18-Apr-2024	1-Nov-2024
Nebraska	LB 1215	2-Apr-2024	1-Jan-2025
Tennessee	SB 1727	28-May-2024	1-Jan-2025
Kansas	HB 2069	8-Apr-2025	1-Jul-2025
Montana	HB 183	3-Apr-2025	1-Jul-2025
Iowa	HF 300	27-May-2025	1-Jul-2025
Connecticut	HB 7287	30-Jun-2025	1-Jul-2025
Arkansas	SB 101	18-Mar-2025	1-Oct-2025



North Carolina	H 67	1-Jul-2025	1-Apr-2026
New Jersey	HB 1622	9-Jan-2026	9-Jan-2026
North Dakota	A 4328	23-Jan-2026	23-Jan-2026
Arizona	HB 2190	20-Feb-2026	24-Jul-2026
South Dakota	HB 1146	9-Mar-2026	1-Jul-2026
Alabama	HB 156	20-Apr-2026	1-Oct-2026
Rhode Island	H 7127	12-Jun-2026	1-Jul-2026
Alaska	HB 110	22-Jun-2026	20-Sept-2026
Missouri	HB 2974	13-Jul-2026	28-Aug-2026
New Hampshire	HB 1772	15-Jul-2026	13-Sep-2026
Michigan	HB 4309	21-Jul-2026	20-Oct-2026

1. The enactment date refers to when a state's compact legislation was signed into law.
2. The effective date refers to when a state's compact legislation becomes effective. This is also when a participating state may begin exercising their voting power as a member of the Commission.

Meeting Synopsis

Full Commission

The Full Commission will meet on Friday, September 18, 2026, at 11 a.m. ET to review and approve the following items: FY27 budget, draft Rule 5 – Joint Investigations, draft Rule 7 – State Compliance, and draft bylaw amendments.

Executive Committee

The PA Compact Executive Committee met August 12, 2026, to conduct an additional review of the draft budget for FY27 prior to transmitting the budget to the Full Commission for adoption. The committee also reviewed the draft agenda for the September meeting of the Full Commission. After reviewing draft Rule 8 – Records Exempt from Disclosure and Rule 2 – Definitions, the committee voted to move both rules to public comment.

The Executive Committee convened on July 8, 2026, and reviewed the draft budget for FY27. The committee elected to revisit the budget during its August meeting to allow additional time for discussion.



The Executive Committee met June 10, 2026, and moved bylaw amendments drafted by the Rules Committee to public comment. The committee also approved a [memo](#) on subpoena authority and the joint investigations process under the PA Compact for publication on the PA Compact website. Jennifer Kolb joined the committee as the interim ex-officio for the American Academy of Physician Associates.

Communications Committee

The PA Compact Commission Communications Committee convened August 20, 2026, to draft and approve the September quarterly newsletter. The committee also drafted [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on the compact privilege process.

Finance Committee

The PA Compact Finance Committee reconvened August 4, 2026, to review the Commission's draft budget for FY27 following the Executive Committee's review. The Finance Committee held additional discussions on the funding for data system development and cyber security insurance. Commission Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair Larry Marx notified the committee of his retirement and the need to name an interim committee chair until a time when the Commission can hold officer elections. Committee members interested in serving as interim Finance Committee chair may notify the Commission's interim executive director.

The Finance Committee convened July 7, 2026, to review a draft budget for FY27 and transmit recommendations to the Executive Committee. The committee continued its discussion on the Commission's privilege fee, reviewing data on multi-license holders within the profession. The committee determined a survey to Member States on their anticipated privilege fee amounts would inform setting the Commission's fee, which will be issued by Commission staff.

Rules Committee

The PA Compact Commission Rules Committee met on August 10, 2026, and reviewed the following draft policies: Policy 1 – Policy on Policies, Policy 2 – Code of Conduct, Policy 3 – Virtual Meetings, and Policy 4 – Policy on Public Communications. The committee approved all policies for transmission to the Executive Committee for review and adoption.

The Rules Committee met on July 20, 2026, and reviewed public comments on draft Rules 5 and 7 received from the licensing boards in Alabama, North Dakota, and Maine. The committee made several non-substantive changes based on comments and committee member discussion, and both rules were approved for transmission to the Full



Commission. The committee transmitted draft bylaw amendments to the Full Commission after receiving no public comments. The committee then reviewed draft Rule 8 – Records Exempt from Disclosure and draft Rule 2 – Definitions and approved both rules for transmission to the Executive Committee. Due to time constraints, the committee tabled reviewing draft Policy 1 – Policy on Policies and draft Policy 2 – Code of Conduct until its August meeting.

State Readiness – Preparing for Compact Activation

In anticipation of compact activation, Member States must ensure compliance with all compact requirements. The PA Compact Commission’s [State Preparation Guidelines](#) cover administrative tasks Member States should consider prior to the launch of the Commission’s data system.

Implementation of an FBI Criminal Background Check for PA licensure and setting a state privilege fee are two tasks of particular importance to a state’s participation in the compact that may require extended time to complete.

Criminal Background Check

The PA Compact requires that those who obtain privileges must have an FBI criminal background check (CBC), which state administrators must review when making a compact eligibility decision. Member States must fully implement an FBI CBC requirement pursuant to the Compact, which may require legislative enactment. The results of an FBI CBC can never be reported to the Commission. The qualifying state that is reviewing the FBI CBC alone determines compact eligibility of the PA.

Setting a State Privilege Fee

Prior to issuing privileges, Member States must determine their state privilege fee. Member States should consider setting a fee that, when added to the commission fee, does not exceed the current single state licensure fee.

Setting a privilege fee may require licensing boards to promulgate a rule or specify the fee in their state’s statute. Once the fee has been set, Member States should notify the Commission of the fee amount. Member States should also consider if military-affiliated practitioners will have a reduced fee.

Compact Development Timeline

 – Updates since the last newsletter.

Summer 2019	Compact project started.
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Fall 2019	FSMB convenes meeting with state regulatory boards to discuss outline of compact.
November 2022	Compact legislation finalized and made available for state adoption.
April 2024	The compact activation threshold of seven participating states is met.
September 2024	Compact Commission holds its inaugural meeting.
October 2024	Executive, Rules, Finance, and Communications Committees convene and begin developing compact infrastructure.
April 2025	Data System Request For Information responses received and reviewed.
May 2025	Executive Committee begins developing Data System Request For Proposal (RFP).
October 20, 2025	Executive Committee releases Data System RFP.
November 14, 2025	Deadline for questions from vendors on the Data System RFP.
December 10, 2025	Executive Committee move Draft Rules 3 and 4 to public comment period.
December 16, 2025	Draft Rule 3 – Compact Privilege and Draft Rule 4 – Data System are posted for public comment.
December 19, 2025	Submission deadline for data system proposals.
January 14, 2026	Executive Committee reviews data system proposals and identifies candidates for interviews.
January 16, 2026	Public comment period closes on Draft Rules 3 and 4.



February 9, 2026	Rules Committee reviews public comments on Draft Rules 3 and 4 and determines no substantive changes are necessary.
February 11, 2026	Executive Committee interviews data system vendors.
February 25, 2026	Executive Committee votes to accept data system proposal from Focus Consulting LLC.
March 11, 2026	Executive Committee requests nominations from Member States for volunteers to serve on the Technology Subcommittee.
April 6, 2026	Full Commission adopts Rule 3 – Compact Privilege and Rule 4 – Compact Data System, Confidentiality, and Information Sharing .
April 8, 2026	Executive Committee reviews Draft Rule 6 – Fees and holds rule in committee pending data system development and commission privilege fee determination by Finance Committee.
May 29, 2026	Draft Rule 5 – Joint Investigations and Draft Rule 7 – State Compliance are released for public comment.
June 10, 2026	• Memo on Subpoena Authority & Joint Investigations Process under the PA Compact approved for publication on PA Compact website. • Draft bylaw amendments are released for public comment.
June 28, 2026	Public comment period closes on draft Rules 5 and 7.
July 10, 2026	Public comment period closes on draft bylaw amendments.
July 20, 2026	• Rules Committee reviews public comments on draft Rules 5 and 7 and determines no substantive



	changes are necessary. Rules are transmitted to Full Commission for approval. Rules Committee transmits draft bylaw amendments to Full Commission after no public comments were received.
August 10, 2026	Rules Committee transmits the following policies to Executive Committee for approval: - Policy on Policies - Policy on Code of Conduct - Policy on Virtual Meetings - Policy on Public Communications
August 12, 2026	- Executive Committee transmits draft budget for FY27 to Full Commission. - Executive Committee moves draft Rule 8 – Records Exempt from Disclosure and draft Rule 2 – Definitions to public comment.
Ongoing	Commission and committee meetings; rule and policy development; onboarding of new Member States.
Current – 2026	Development and implementation of Data System.
Early 2027 (projected)	Compact Commission begins issuing compact privileges to practice.

FAQ Highlight

Are PAs with misdemeanor or felony convictions eligible to utilize the compact?

No. A PA who has a misdemeanor or felony conviction or pled guilty or no contest to a misdemeanor or felony charge is ineligible for participation. However, practitioners may



contact the licensing authority for the state wherein they wish to practice for alternate pathways to licensure, such as a single-state license.

Questions? See the [PA Compact FAQs](#), or email pacompact@csg.org.