



What is the PA Licensure Compact?

The PA Licensure Compact is an interstate occupational licensure compact for physician assistants (PAs). The compact provides a streamlined process via a compact privilege for PAs to practice in other compact member states without the need to obtain multiple state licenses. States join the compact by legislatively enacting the model compact legislation.

What You Need to Know

- The model compact legislation has been finalized and is available for state adoption.
- Qualifying PAs in a compact member state who meet all compact requirements may practice in other compact member states via a compact privilege, which is equivalent to a license. A PA must apply for an individual compact privilege in every compact member state where services will be provided.
- The compact legislation was reviewed by stakeholders in the profession, including regulators and practitioners, and revised based on their feedback.
- The PA Licensure Compact is not yet operational. The compact will be activated after seven states have adopted the compact model legislation. Historically, the process for a licensure compact to become fully operational can take up to 24 months after its activation.

Compact Benefits

- Facilitates multistate practice by reducing the burden of maintaining multiple licenses
- Improves access to PA services and the use of telehealth
- Improves continuity of care when patients or PAs relocate
- Supports relocating military spouses
- Expands employment opportunities for PAs into new markets
- Preserves and strengthens state licensure systems
- Enhances public safety and reduces application time through a shared data system
- Increases collaboration among compact member states

Additional Information

To find out more information about the current status of the PA Licensure Compact and its current status, please visit pacompact.org to view the model legislation, legislative toolkit, compact map and FAQs.



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