



PA Compact Timeline

As of April 4, 2024, the PA compact has been enacted in seven states. The PA Compact legislation specifies that the compact needs seven member states to become active.

However, this does not mean that PAs can practice yet in other compact member states. Instead, there is still an estimated 18-24 month process before the compact is fully operational and PAs can apply for a privilege to practice. Below is a timeline of the process.

Formation of Compact Commission

First, each member state must appoint a commissioner. The state commissioners will convene for the inaugural meeting of the PA Compact Commission where they will elect an executive committee, vote on rules and bylaws, and take other steps for the compact to move towards being fully operational. All compact commission meetings will be open to the public.

Creation of Compact Data System

After the inaugural meeting, the compact commission will continue to work on operationalizing the compact, including acquiring a data system. The data system is a foundational piece of compact operations. Through it, compact member states communicate licensure and privilege information with each other and with the compact commission.

Once the data system is available, states will be tasked with onboarding to the system. It is expected that states will have varying timelines to onboard.

Privilege Applications Open

As states become able to successfully communicate licensure and privilege information with one another via the data system, the compact commission will open applications for compact privileges to PAs.

The application process will involve verifying that the PA has a license in a member state and is eligible for compact participation. Once the application has been reviewed by the compact commission, the PA will receive confirmation that they have been issued compact privileges in compact member states they selected. After a privilege is issued, the PA can practice in another compact state.