

Amending Two Interstate Licensure Compacts ... and Consensus: The Prospect of Four+ Million US Nurses with Nationwide Licensure Portability Enabling Seamless Telehealth Practice

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Objectives

- Learn:
 - The concept of an interstate compact;
 - The origins of the NLC (Nurse Licensure Compact) and APRN; (Advanced Practice Registered Nurse) Compact;
 - Their relation to driver's license compact;
 - How they work; and
 - Why the NLC and APRN Compact are necessary and how they facilitate telenursing
- Describe why more states are not NLC members and current NCSBN initiatives
- Understand how you can help to make nationwide nurse licensure portability a reality



What's an Interstate Compact?

- Compacts are contracts between states creating an agreement that carries the force of statutory law.

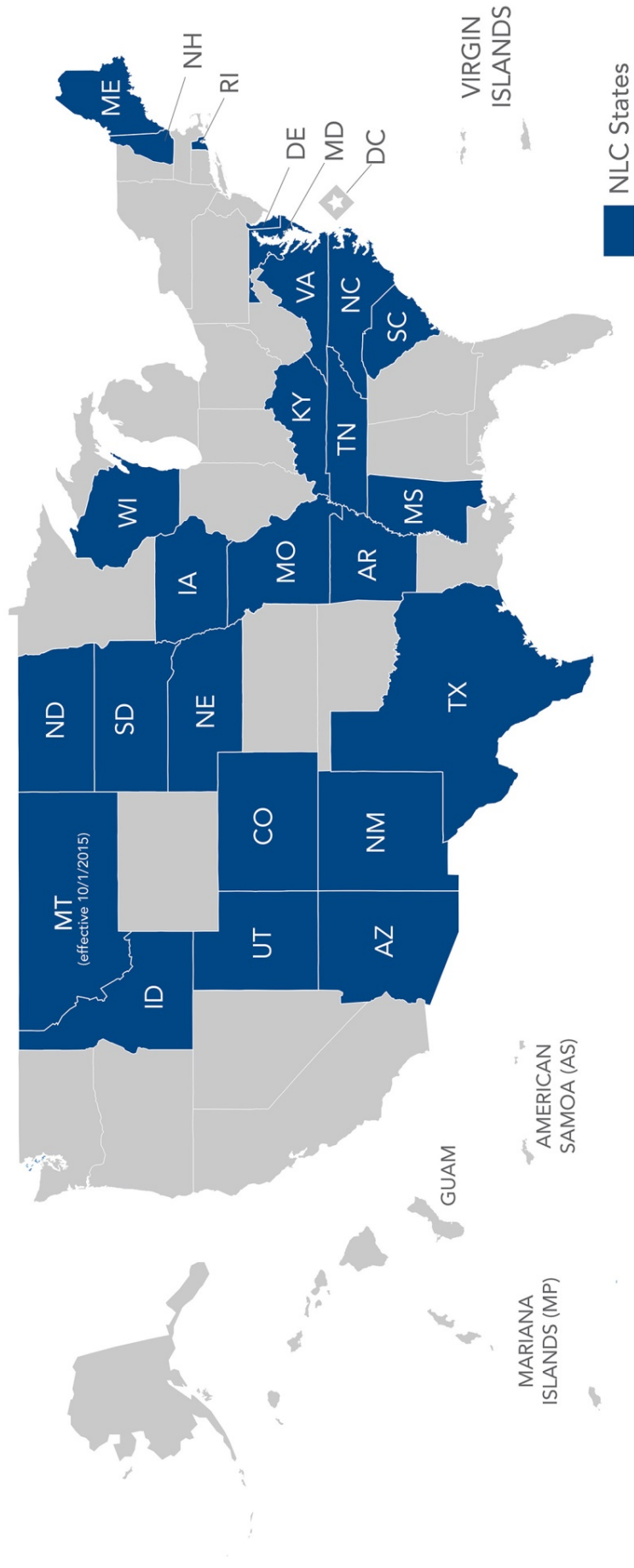


NLC Status

- Initially adopted by NCSBN in 1997.
- Enacted by 24 states as of March 2015.
- Revisions adopted May 4, 2015.
- 2006 OPAGGA Study

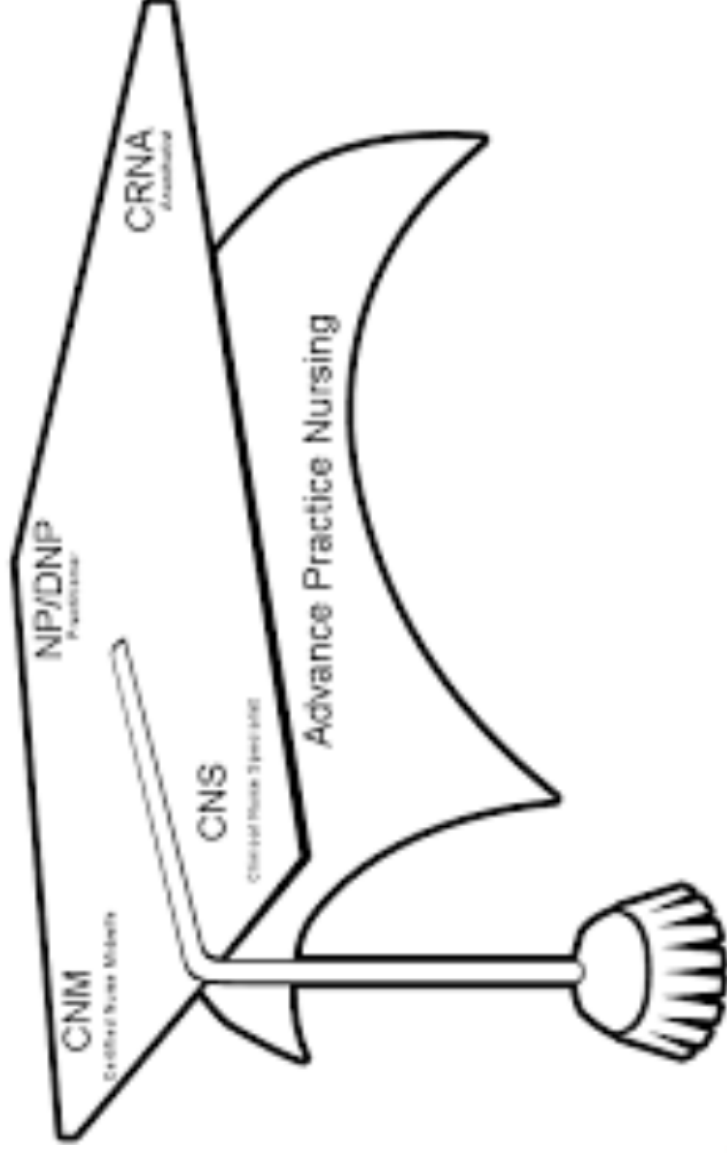


NLC Status: 25 States



APRN Compact Status

- Initially adopted by NCSBN in 2002.
- Adopted by 3 states in 2002.
- Revisions adopted by NCSBN on May 4, 2015



How Does it Work?

- Based on the Driver License Compact (DLC)
- A nurse residing in a Compact state is issued a multistate license.
- State where practice occurs enforces practice standards.



Future of Health Care

- Traditional face to face plus
 - Practice via telecommunication (telehealth nursing)
 - Remote patient monitoring



Why Aren't More States in the

NLC?

- To join, each state must enact model legislation
- Advocates work to introduce legislation; not always the Board.
- Opposition: some nurse unions.
- Misconceptions about the compact: costs, information exchange and board authority.



What is NCSBN Doing?

- 2014-2015, Executive Directors of Boards of Nursing met to reconsider regulation that best supports cross-border practice.
- Commissioned three working groups: Compact Revision, Legislative Strategy, Fiscal Impact.
- Convened a Special Delegate Assembly on May 4, 2015.



NLC
NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT

The NCSBN Initiative

- Members agree to revise the compact language to address concerns about public protection.
- Decide to align the provisions of the NLC and APRN Compact.
- Determine implementation strategies.

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What's Different?

- Criminal background checks are now required for **all** compact states
- Felony convictions are a bar to a compact license
- Various provisions to improve the operations of the Compact
- NCSBN commits to fund ongoing operations of the compacts and assist states with grants for implementation expenses

Have you ever been convicted of a felony?



The Effect

- Removed the primary barriers for most states to adopt the compacts
- Legislative strategies and tactics to assist states in adoption.
- Progress toward goal: adoption by all states.



Making Nationwide Licensure Portability a Reality

- Voice your support legislators (looking towards 2017 session for legislation)
- Work with these organizations to identify a legislator to introduce NLC legislation
- Testify at legislative hearings & contact legislators
- Join a state-based coalition to advocate for the Compact
- Ask your company or organization to endorse both compacts



A Simple Goal

All 4 million plus registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses,

- who meet the eligibility,
- may practice seamlessly across states,
- with a clear pathway of accountability for their practice.



DOH/BON Issues

- Protocols: at initial certification, at each renewal, and w/in 30 days of any change
- ARNP Prescriptive Authority legislation
- CE @ Renewal;
www.flhealthsource.gov/renewal
- Revised Psych Nurse definition in Baker Act –
new law effective 7/1/15



Thank you!

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