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The Journey of the Nurse Licensure Compact:
The Licensure Solution for
Interstate Nursing Practice in the US

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The Need for the Nurse Licensure Compact

- Antiquated 100 yr old system of 1 license for 1 state
- Has not kept pace with technology and mobility
- Expansion of telehealth
- Avoid a federal solution to the problem
- Fix the problem of multiple licenses, duplicative regulation, unlicensed practice

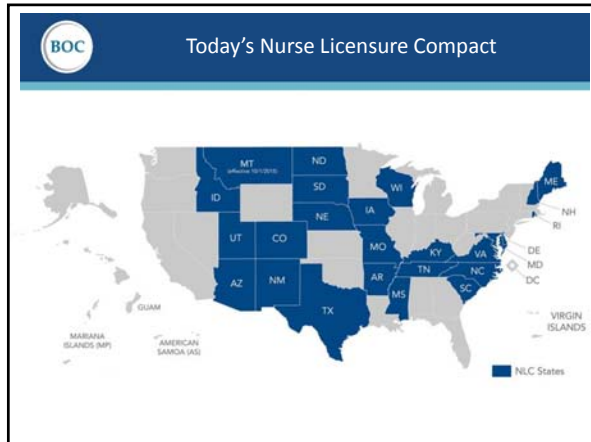


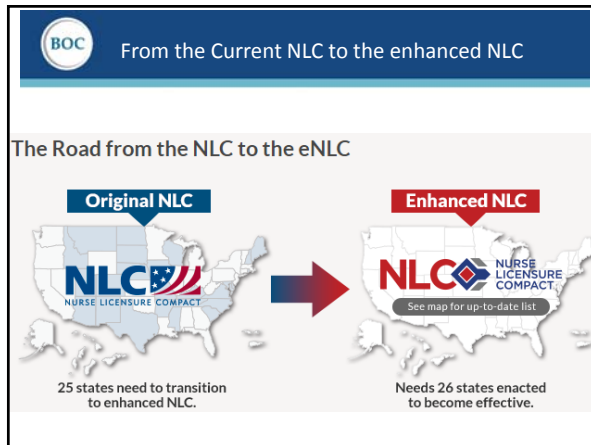
What is the Nurse Licensure Compact?



An interstate licensure compact

- It allows a nurse to have one multistate license (in primary state of residency)
- This permits the nurse to practice in other member states (both physically and via telecommunications) subject to each state's practice laws



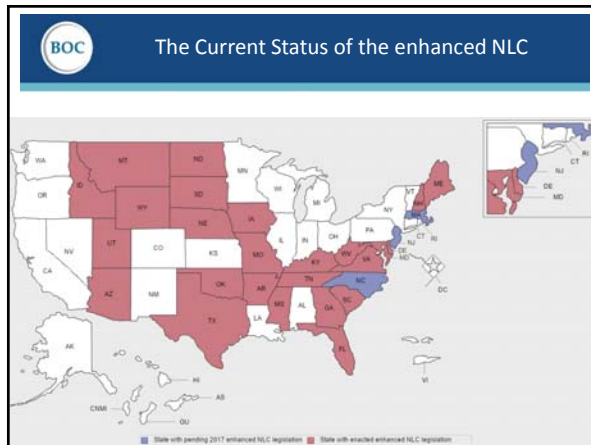


NLC Impacts Portability and Access

- Nurses are increasingly MOBILE!
- Remote and rural communities > access to care
- Military spouses who move every two years
- Online distance nursing education


BOC NLC Benefits Telehealth

- Nurses can practice in multiple states with one license
- Increases patient access to care
- Enables care continuity for patients regardless of their location



BOC The Future of the NLC

- Technology and therefore telehealth will continue to grow
- NLC will be adopted in all states that don't have political impediments; i.e., 85-90%.
- Nurses will voice their opinions in hold-out states

 Primary Challenges Faced by States

- Lawmakers lack of understanding of interstate compact law; need for education (technical assistance)
- Rulemaking by the States vs. by the Commission
- New Requirement for Criminal Background Checks
- Lack of Support from Collective Bargaining Units
- Financial

 NLC supporters across the U.S.

Air & Surface Transport Nurses Association	American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing	American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Neuroscience Nurses	American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN)	American Association of Poison Control Centers
American Nephrology Nurses Association	American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE)	American Telemedicine Association (ATA)
Association of Camp Nurses	Association for Vascular Access	Case Management Society of America (CMSA)
Center for Telehealth and E-Health Law	CGFNS International, Inc.	Citizen Advocacy Center (CAC)
Commission for Case Manager Certification	Emergency Nurses Association (ENA)	Health IT Now
National Military Family Association	National Governors Association Center for Best Practices	National League for Nursing
National Patient Safety Foundation	Oncology Nursing Society	Population Health Alliance
Telehealth Leadership Council	U.S. Department of Commerce	

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Thank You!

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