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## Issue

Modern health care delivery requires that nursing care, today and in the future, be dynamic and fluid across state boundaries, but the 100 year-old model of nurse licensure is not flexible, adaptable nor nimble enough to best meet this need.

## Solution

The enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) increases access to care while maintaining public protection at the state level.

- The enhanced NLC, which is an updated version of the current NLC, allows for registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical/vocational nurses (LPN/VNs) to have one multistate license, with the privilege to practice in their home state and other NLC states.
- There are 25 member states in the current NLC.

## Benefits of the NLC

- Enables nurses to practice in person or provide telehealth nursing services to patients located across the country without having to obtain additional licenses.
- Allows nurses to quickly cross state borders and provide vital services in the event of a disaster.
- Facilitates telenursing and online nursing education.
- Cost Effective
  - Nurses do not have to obtain an additional nursing license(s), making practicing across state borders affordable and convenient.
  - The compact removes a burdensome expense not only for nurses, but also organizations that employ nurses and may share the expenditure of multiple licenses.

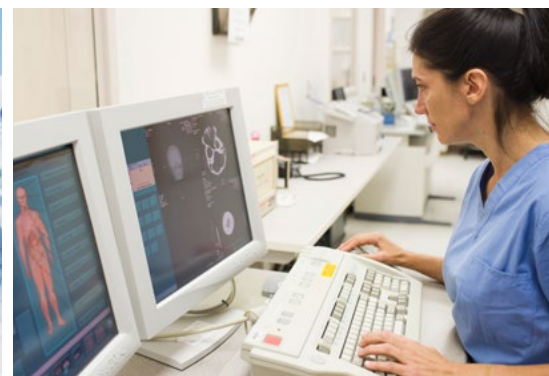
## Proven, Safe and Efficient

- The NLC has been operational and successful for more than 15 years.
- All the safeguards that are built into the current state licensing process are required before a nurse is issued a multistate license.
- The NLC has uniform licensure requirements so that all states can be confident the nurses practicing within the NLC have met a set of minimum requirements, regardless of the home state in which they are licensed.
- Less than 1 percent of U.S. nurses ever require discipline by a board of nursing (BON), but if discipline is needed, swift action can be taken by the BON regardless of the state where the nurse is licensed or practices. When a nurse is disciplined, the information is placed into the national licensure database, [nursys.com](http://nursys.com).
- All states that participate in the enhanced NLC conduct federal criminal background checks to determine eligibility for a multistate license.

## A Modern Nurse Licensure Solution for the 21st Century

The enhanced NLC increases access to health care, protects patient safety and reduces costs while supporting state-of-the-art health care delivery – for today and in the future.

To join the NLC, states need to enact the enhanced NLC model legislation and implement a federal criminal background check system for nurse licensure.



Unlocking Access to Nursing Care Across the Nation



## Our Mission

The Nurse Licensure Compact advances public protection and access to care through the mutual recognition of one state-based license that is enforced locally and recognized nationally.

# MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

## *Support the NLC!*

For more information about the enhanced NLC, visit [nursecompact.com](http://nursecompact.com).

If you have a specific question, contact [nursecompact@ncsbn.org](mailto:nursecompact@ncsbn.org).

## Some of the Organizations Supporting the NLC include:

- 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
- 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 Patient Safety Foundation
- Population Health Alliance
- Telehealth Leadership Council
- U.S. Department of Commerce