



# Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

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### **Interstate Medical Licensure Compact To Begin Processing Applications for Expedited Licensure**

**LEXINGTON, Ky.**—The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission will begin processing applications for expedited licensure under the compact on April 6, 2017.

The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, or IMLC, is a binding statutory agreement among states where it has become state law. The purpose of the IMLC is to create a streamlined process that allows physicians to become licensed in multiple states, thereby enhancing the portability of a medical license. The IMLC creates another pathway for licensure and does not otherwise change a state's existing Medical Practice Act. The IMLC also adopts a uniform and stringent standard for licensure and affirms that the practice of medicine occurs where the patient is located at the time of the physician-patient encounter. Upon licensure via the IMLC, the physician will be under the jurisdiction of the medical board in the state where the patient is located.

While physicians who live in a state that has adopted the compact can more easily apply to be licensed in another compact state, 11 of the 18 adopting states are still working to ensure their ability to access the FBI's criminal background check system, while safeguarding the criminal history information as required by federal law. Therefore, only doctors who hold a full, unrestricted license in at least one of seven states—Alabama, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming—and are resident, have at least 25 percent of their medical practice, or are employed by an entity in one of those states, can apply to be licensed in one or more of the 17 other states.

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