

# APRN COMPACT

## Issue

Modern health care delivery requires that safe and quality care provided by advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) be dynamic and fluid across state boundaries. The 100-year-old model of nursing licensure is not flexible, enough to best meet this need.

## Solution

The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact (APRN Compact) increases access to care, protects patient safety and reduces costs while supporting state-of-the-art health care delivery. The APRN Compact allows for APRNs with 2,080 hours or more of practice to have one multistate license in their home state, with the privilege to practice in other APRN Compact party states without obtaining additional licenses. To join the APRN Compact, states need to enact the APRN Compact model legislation and implement a federal criminal background check for APRN licensure.

## Safe and Efficient

- Facilitates the protection of public health and safety by:
  - Codifying uniform licensure requirements mirroring the national APRN Consensus Model to ensure applicants meet licensure standards for participation.
  - Facilitating the exchange of information between party states in the areas of APRN regulation and investigation whenever an issue arises.
  - Ensuring that party states have the authority to hold an APRN accountable in meeting state practice laws.
- Encourages efficiency by:
  - Decreasing redundancies in applying for and maintaining multiple APRN licenses.
  - Promoting and encouraging interstate practice by APRNs.

## Benefits of the APRN Compact

- **Access to Care:** Increases access to APRN services across the country quickly and efficiently, which is essential for the health of many rural and underserved communities.
- **Telehealth:** Enables APRNs to practice in person or provide telehealth services to patients located across the country seamlessly and efficiently
- **Disaster/Pandemic Relief:** Allows APRNs to immediately cross state borders and provide vital services in the event of an emergency, without the need to wait for executive declaration.
- **Military Families:** Allows military spouse APRNs to seamlessly continue working upon relocation and change of employment.
- **Online Education:** Facilitates online nursing education.
- **Cost Effective:**
  - **For APRNs:** APRNs do not have to obtain additional nursing licenses, making practicing across state borders affordable and convenient.
  - **For Employers:** The APRN Compact also removes a burdensome expense for organizations that employ APRNs and may share the expenditure of obtaining and maintaining multiple licenses.
- **Flexible Licensure:** Allows APRNs to obtain or maintain a single state license if preferred.

