

APRN COMPACT

Issue

Modern health care delivery requires that advanced practice registered nursing care, today and in the future, be dynamic and fluid across state boundaries. The 100-year-old model of nursing licensure is not flexible, adaptable or nimble 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 – for today and in the future. The APRN Compact allows for advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to have one multistate license in their home state, with the privilege to practice in other APRN Compact 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:
 - Promoting uniform licensure requirements to ensure and encourage the cooperation of party states.
 - 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 in the 100-year-old licensure model by:
 - Decreasing redundancies in both the consideration and issuance of 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 without having to obtain additional licenses.
- **Disaster Relief:** Allows APRNs to immediately cross state borders and provide vital services in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency, without the need to wait for a declaration of emergency.
- **Military Families:** Allows military spouse APRNs to seamlessly continue working without having to obtain a new license each time they relocate.
- **Online Education:** Facilitates online nursing education by reducing educators' need for multiple licenses.
- **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 multiple licenses.
- **Flexible Licensure:** Allows APRNs who are ineligible for a multistate license to still obtain a single state license based on their state's requirements and statutes.

