

INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT COMMISSION

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SALT LAKE CITY, Utah - The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission held its fourth meeting on June 24 in Salt Lake City, Utah and took the following actions:

- The Commission welcomed six new Commissioners from states that recently have joined the Compact—two from Arizona, two from Colorado and two from Kansas. While Mississippi and New Hampshire also have joined the Compact in recent weeks, those states have not yet named Commissioners.
- The Commission adopted a January 2017 target for the first issuance of licenses via the Compact. The Commission's various committees will work concurrently over the next 6-7 months to meet that target.
- The Commission adopted its first rule, a "rule on rulemaking" that will guide further proposals and adoptions of rules as authorized by the Compact. The Commission heard public comment on the proposal during its June 24 meeting and then adopted the rule by unanimous vote.
- The Commission adopted a Conflict of Interest policy for Commissioners and IMLCC staff. (At present, the IMLCC has no staff or employees. The policy anticipates the eventual hiring of staff.)
- The Commission authorized Chairperson Ian Marquand of Montana to accept an invitation to attend a meeting of the Planning and Outreach Committee of the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council in Greensboro, N.C. on Sept. 14.

The IMLC is a binding agreement among states where it has become state law. These member states include Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The purpose of the IMLC is to have 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.

The IMLC Commission consists of two appointed commissioners from each of the IMLC member states. The IMLC Commission is charged with creating a governing structure and foundation so that the process for expedited medical licenses in IMLC member states can proceed. IMLC Commission has its own bylaws, rules, committees, and governing structure. For more information, contact IMLCC Communications Committee Chair Margaret Hansen in South Dakota at Margaret.Hansen@state.sd.us or Commission Chairperson Ian Marquand in Montana at IMarquand@mt.gov.