

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Beginning in April 2013, the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact was developed by representatives of state medical boards from across the country and supported by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) and the Council of State Governments (CSG). In a rapidly changing health care environment, the Compact will expand access to care, facilitate multistate practice and enable telemedicine without compromising patient safety. The Compact counters the efforts seeking to federalize or nationalize the medical licensure system.

It allows for the Idaho Board of Medicine to participate in the rules and governance of the Commission that manages the Compact. Some of the components of the Compact include sharing data on practitioners choosing to use the expedited licensing process, shared disciplinary information, participation in joint investigations, and cost sharing. Disciplinary actions remain the duty/option of the State Board of Medicine

This Compact is similar to the ones that exist for Nursing, parole supervision, wildlife management and education, motor vehicles and others. It is voluntary for both the State Board and the practitioner.

The purpose of the Compact is to streamline the process of applying for medical licenses in multiple states while ensuring the responsibility for licensing and disciplining physicians remains with individual state medical boards. It also speeds the process of licensing physicians for locum tenens (temporary) positions and for telemedicine provisions.

FISCAL NOTE

None to the State. Any costs of the expedited process, including the cost allocated by the Commission, will be paid by licensees seeking the expedited multistate medical license.

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