

# Interstate Medical Licensure Compact



## Background

[House Bill 16-1047 \(HB 1047\)](#) allows Colorado to enter into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, which will allow physicians licensed in member states to apply for licensure through an expedited process in order to practice in other compact states. The legislation is expected to have significant impacts for communities bordering neighboring states and for increased access to care via telehealth technologies.

As has been seen in other states, HB 1047 passed the General Assembly with wide bipartisan margins of 63-2 in the House and 32-1 in the Senate. This legislation was seen as a bright spot in a year where many bills died along party lines.

## What You Need to Know

The Interstate Compact Commission – the entity charged with administering the cross-state licensure process – is expected to begin operations in early 2017. Each state participating in the compact will have two representatives to the commission. At that time, physicians will be able to apply for expedited licensure in other compact states. Currently, 17 states have entered into the compact, including nearly every state contiguous to Colorado. The current exceptions are Oklahoma and Nebraska where the legislation has been introduced in the state legislature, and New Mexico which has not taken action on the compact to date.

## Additional Resources

- [HB 1047 Fiscal Note](#)
- [Interstate Medical Licensure Compact website](#)
- [“Telehealth and Licensing Interstate Providers,” National Conference of State Legislatures, July 2016](#)
- [“Realizing the Promise of Telehealth: Understanding the Legal and Regulatory Challenges,” American Hospital Association, May 2015](#)
- HB 1047 took effect on June 8, 2016. Rules are forthcoming from the Interstate Commission and the Colorado Medical Board.

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