



Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact Brief (APRN)

BACKGROUND ON INTERSTATE COMPACTS

Interstate compacts are contracts between two or more states that are in agreement on an issue. States use compacts as a legal relationship to address an issue. Indiana currently participates in 37 interstate compacts.

- Agreement on Detainers
- Agreement on Qualifications of Educational Personnel
- Civil Defense and Disaster Compact
- Compact for Education
- Compact on Mental Health
- Compact on Placement of Children
- Driver License Compact
- Emergency Management Assistance Compact
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Compact
- Great Lakes Basin Compact
- Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact
- Health Care Compact
- Indiana-Kentucky Boundary Compact
- Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision
- Product Regulation Compact Interstate Compact for Juveniles
- Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance
- Emergency Management Assistance Compact
- Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
- Interstate Compact on Placement of Children
- Interstate Compact to Conserve Oil and Gas
- Interstate Corrections Compact
- Interstate Earthquake Emergency Compact
- Interstate High Speed Rail Network Compact
- Interstate Insurance
- Interstate Library Compact
- Interstate Mining Compact
- Interstate Rail Passenger Network Compact
- Midwest Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact
- Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact
- Multistate Lottery Agreement
- Nonresident Violator Compact
- Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC)
- Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Compact
- Surplus Lines Insurance Multi-State Compliance Compact
- Uniform Unclaimed Property Act
- Wabash Valley Compact
- Wildlife Violator Compact



Multi-state License

Professionals obtain a single license in their home state that enables them to practice in all Compact-participating states without additional action.

Ex: Nurse Licensure Compact



Privilege-to-Practice

Professionals obtain a single license in their home state then apply for privilege to practice to practice in other Compact-participating states.

Ex: Emergency Medical Services Compact



Expedited License Review

Professionals wishing to participate in this Compact would undergo an expedited process for license application/renewal but would be required to obtain separate licenses in all states where they will practice.

Ex: Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

WHAT IS THE APRN COMPACT AND HOW DOES IT COMPARE TO OTHER HEALTH-RELATED COMPACTS?

APRN Compact = Multi-state License



The APRN Compact is an agreement between states which allows APRNs to work in multiple states under a single home state license that serves as a multi-state license. The APRN Compact is structured under the “multi-state license” model, as professionals receive automatic privilege to practice under compact-participating states under the multi-state license issued by the professional’s home-state.

WHAT STATES PARTICIPATE IN THE APRN COMPACT?

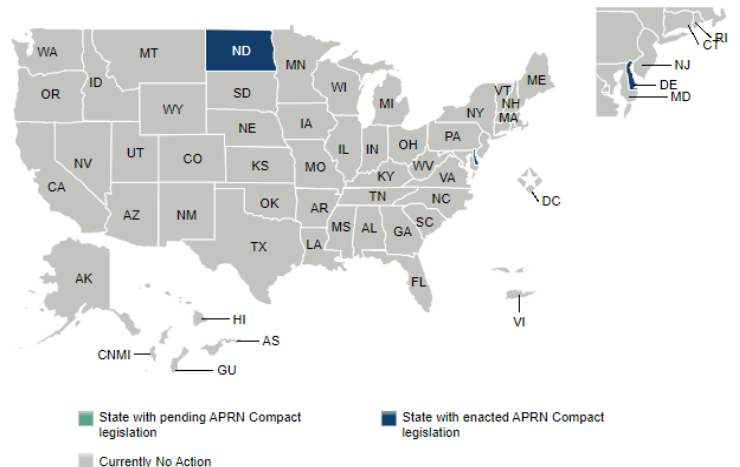
There are currently 2 states actively issuing and accepting compact privileges. No other states currently have pending APRN Compact legislation. APRN Compact becomes active once 7 states adopt legislation.

Enacted Legislation

- North Dakota
- Delaware

Key Definitions and Abbreviations

APRN: Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
Home state: State where APRN has permanent residence. This state hosts the individual’s APRN license.
Remote state: A state other than the home state that participates in the APRN Compact, and where a APRN can apply for and have Compact Privilege to practice.



HOW MIGHT THE APRN COMPACT IMPACT THE LICENSE ACQUISITION/RENEWAL PROCESS?

APRNs who wish to obtain a multistate license and indicate Indiana as their home state would complete all requirements associated with license renewal in the home state and the Compact. (A requirement for participation in the NLC is adoption of [Uniform Licensure Requirements](#)).

WHAT DO APRNS NEED TO QUALIFY TO PRACTICE UNDER THE APRN COMPACT?

Graduates from: A graduate-level accredited education program; or an approved foreign APRN education program

Holds an active, unencumbered license as an RN and an active, unencumbered authorization to practice as an APRN.

- NCLEX-RN® + National APRN certification examination
- 1+ years of APRN practice (>2,080 hours)
- State and federal fingerprint-based criminal background checks
- No felony offense
- No misdemeanor convictions related to the practice of nursing
- Not currently a participant in an alternative program.
- Social Security number

HOW DOES THE APRN COMPACT INTERSECT WITH SCOPE OF PRACTICE?

An APRN practicing in a member state must comply with the state practice laws of the state in which the client/patient is located at the time the service is provided. APRN practice is not limited to patient care but includes all advanced nursing practice as defined by the state practice laws of the party state in which the client is located. **Of note, per the “[Key Provisions of the APRN Compact](#)” document, “an APRN multistate license holder is authorized to practice independent of a supervisory or collaborative relationship with any healthcare provider” regardless of state scope of practice policies.** Additionally, the APRN Compact includes both practice privileges for APRNs, as well as prescriptive authority for non-controlled drugs.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS?

All member states are authorized to take adverse action against an APRN’s multistate licensure privilege, including revocation, suspension, probation or any other action that affects an APRN’s authorization to practice under a multistate licensure privilege. However, only the home state may take adverse action against an APRN’s home state license.

POTENTIAL BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH PARTICIPATING IN THE APRN COMPACT?



License portability: APRNs receive a multistate license which allows them to practice in compact-member states with no additional license processes, including both in-person and telehealth. (This may be of particular benefit to military families with frequent relocations.)

Not prohibitive to non-compact APRNs: A dual licensure pathway (both multistate and single-state) could be implemented. This would allow APRNs who are ineligible for a multistate license (or do not wish to obtain a multistate license) to still obtain a single-state Indiana license.

Emergency Response: Would allow APRNs to immediately cross state borders (into member states) to provide services in response to an emergency.

POTENTIAL CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH PARTICIPATING IN THE APRN COMPACT?



Lack of alignment with Indiana’s current APRN scope of practice privileges: The APRN Compact would enable independent practice (without supervisory or collaborative relationships), which does not align with Indiana’s current APRN practice provisions.

Potential loss of revenue: It is not currently known how many of Indiana’s current APRN licensees hold a multistate license (hosted by another state as the primary state of residence) or who would indicate another compact state as their primary state.

Workforce data & tracking: Participation would limit Indiana’s ability to know who and where compact APRNs are (if they indicate another state as their primary state of residence). (Single-state and multistate licensees with Indiana as their primary state of residence would still be required under IC 25-1-2-10 to provide the state with select workforce information for policy & planning purposes.)

Compact contact information for follow-up or more specific information:

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Visit the APRN website at <https://aprncompact.com/index.htm>; or email the National Council of State Boards of Nursing for additional information (nursecompact@ncsbn.org)

Sources:

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Sources:

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