Nurse Licensure Compact

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What is a nurse licensure compact?

- Interstate agreement
- Removes barriers
- Mutual recognition
- Fosters public protection
- Successful history
Why join a nurse licensure compact?

• Mobility of nurses

• Disaster relief

• Cost effective

• Facilitates online nursing education
Who belongs to the nurse licensure compact?

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[Map showing states that belong to the nurse licensure compact]
What are the benefits to the nurse?

• Mobility

• Reduces regulatory requirements

• Cost effective
What are the benefits for employers?

• Nurses will be able to practice (in person or by telehealth) in other states that are part of the nurse licensure compact with just one license

• Faculty and military spouses will just need one license to teach or practice across states in the nurse licensure compact

• Enhances nurses’ mobility across states

• Allows nurses to quickly cross state borders when there is a disaster
What are the benefits for Kansas citizens?

- Increases access to health care
- Protects patient safety
- Reduces costs
- Supports health care delivery in the future
- Safeguards built into the current state licensing process are required before a nurse is issued a multistate license
- Uniform licensure requirements so that all states can be confident the nurse practicing has met a set of minimum requirements
- All states participating in the nurse licensure compact conduct federal criminal background checks to determine eligibility for a multistate license
Who can receive a multi-state license?

• Nurses must obtain the multi-state license in their state of residency
• Nurse must reside in a state that is a member of the nurse licensure compact
• Nurse must meet the eleven uniform licensure requirements