

# ENHANCED NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT

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# WHAT IS THE NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT?

- The NLC is an interstate compact.
  - It allows a nurse to have one multistate license (in primary state of residency)
  - This permits the nurse to practice in other member states (both physically and electronically) subject to each state's practice laws



# MUTUAL RECOGNITION MODEL OF LICENSURE

The NLC is modeled after the driver's license compact which follows the mutual recognition model of licensure.

# PUBLIC POLICY GOAL

## Nurse Licensure Compact

A State-Based License

Nationally Recognized

Locally Enforced

# NLC BENEFITS FOR TELEHEALTH IN KENTUCKY



- Nurses can practice in multiple states with one license
- Increases patient access to care
- Enables care continuity for patients regardless of their location
- Provides member states with authority to facilitate a discipline case across state lines

- School Nurses
- Camp Nurses
- Home Health Nurses
- Case Management Nurses
- Transport Nurses
- Nurses that live on state borders



## **BENEFITS TO NURSES WHO PHYSICALLY CROSS STATE BORDERS**

- Allows faculty to supervise clinical experiences across state borders without multiple licenses
- Allows faculty to teach in online programs when students are in other states without additional licenses.



## NLC BENEFITS FOR FACULTY

- Ability to legally practice across state borders with one license
- Reduces cost
- Reduces the administrative burden of maintaining multiple licenses.



## NLC BENEFITS FOR KENTUCKY NURSES



# NLC BENEFITS FOR KENTUCKY BOARD OF NURSING

- **Ability to share complaint and investigative information throughout the investigative course**
- **Shared responsibility for patient safety not governed by geographical boundaries**
- **Ability to locate, isolate or limit ability to practice on Privilege to Practice**
- **Reduces duplicative board actions**

- Several states expressed concerns that they couldn't join current NLC for various reasons
- Current NLC states wanted to ensure long-term growth and viability of the NLC
- Military/veterans' health care challenges
- Telehealth services are increasingly being utilized, erasing geographic boundaries
- Other health care professions developing interstate licensure compacts (medicine, physical therapy, EMS, psychology)

SO WHY DID WE MAKE CHANGES TO THE CURRENT NLC?

- Uniform Licensure Requirements
- Grandfathering provision
- Requirement to obtain and submit criminal background checks (CBCs)
- Provides for rulemaking by the Interstate Commission

**WHAT'S NEW IN THE ENHANCED  
NLC?**



To receive a multistate license, a nurse must:

- Meet the home state's qualifications
- Graduate from qualifying education program and be proficient in the English language
- Pass the NCLEX-RN® or NCLEX-PN® exam (or predecessor)

UNIFORM LICENSURE  
REQUIREMENTS

To receive a multistate license, a nurse must:

- Have no active discipline on a license
- Submit to a criminal background check and have no prior state or federal felony convictions
- Not be currently enrolled in an alternative program
- Have a valid U.S. Social Security number

## UNIFORM LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS



**EFFECTIVE DATE – JULY 20, 2017**  
**26<sup>TH</sup> STATE ENACTED THE ENLC**

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE – JANUARY 19, 2018**

**GO LIVE DATE!!!**



# IMPORTANT POINTS

- If you held a current KY multistate license effective July 20, 2017, you will be grandfathered into the eNLC and no further action is required unless you move to another state or have a disqualifying event after July 20, 2017.
- As with the original NLC, if you practice in other party states, you must adhere to the laws and regulations of the state in which the patient is located.
- If you need to practice in a state that is not a member of the eNLC, you will need a single state license issued from that state regardless if you hold a KY multistate license.
- [NCSBN.org/enlc](http://NCSBN.org/enlc) has a wealth of information about the eNLC.
- Check [kbn.ky.gov](http://kbn.ky.gov) frequently for any updates concerning the eNLC.
- Ask questions. KBN staff are ready and willing to help.





# NURSYS AND E-NOTIFY

- **VERIFICATION OF LICENSURE STATUS**
- **PRIMARY SOURCE EQUIVALENT**
- **RECEIVE LICENSE NOTIFICATIONS**
  - Set email alerts for license status changes
  - Choose notification frequency
  - Send expiration reminders to nurses
- **VIEW NURSE LICENSE REPORTS**
  - Learn of license expirations
  - See information about discipline/final order actions
  - Get nurse license summary reports



# NURSYS AND E-NOTIFY

- **Manage your nurse license list**
  - Search the system for nurses to add to your list
  - Add multiple nurses at once using file upload
  - Remove a nurse from your list or deactivate your notifications
  - Integrate with your systems using our application programming interface (API)





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**QUESTIONS?????**