

Welcome to the IMLCC Newsletter

By Ian Marquand, Communications Committee Chair (Montana)

Here at the IMLCC, the word “communications” covers a lot of things. Here are just a few items from the Communications Committee’s portfolio:

- Orientation materials for newly appointed compact commissioners.
- Orientation tools for states joining the compact.
- Compact Commission annual reports.
- Development of commission information policy.
- The IMLCC website.
- The IMLCC newsletter.
- Monitoring news media reports about the compact.

Our most recent accomplishment is this first edition of the IMLCC newsletter. Sign up to receive it via e-mail—and look for future editions on the IMLCC website. Speaking of which, the committee currently is involved in reviewing the website and suggesting upgrades in design and content.

We also respond when the commission sees a need for additional information tools or materials to assist compact participants or member states and boards. Elsewhere in this first newsletter, you’ll see an advisory about why physicians who participate in the compact must maintain a State of Principal License.

New States: Kentucky, N. Dakota

Two states have approved entrance into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

Kentucky became the 28th jurisdiction to join the Compact when Gov. Matt Bevin signed Senate Bill 22 into law.

North Dakota became the 29th member of the Compact on April 8, when Gov. Doug Burgum signed Senate Bill 2173 into law. This followed passage of the bill by the North Dakota legislative assembly.

Elsewhere, the Compact Commission is keeping an eye on Georgia, where the bill to enter the Compact has been sent to the Governor for signature.

Legislation also is in process in South Carolina, Oklahoma and Florida. See the full national “status” map at imlcc.org.

Interested in having your state become part of the Compact?

Contact Marschall Smith at: imlccexecutivedirector@imlcc.org

Attention Physicians:

Maintain Your State of Principal License!

Losing your SPL can mean losing all licenses acquired via Compact

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Among the terms and abbreviations used in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, none are more important than “State of Principal License” or “SPL.” Put simply, it’s the state where you live or practice medicine that issued your Letter of Qualification (LOQ) to participate in the Compact. The LOQ is what allows you to acquire additional medical licenses faster and more easily through the Compact’s expedited licensure process.

Call it your foundation, your home or your anchor—you must have a State of Principal License in order to keep the other licenses you’ve acquired through the Compact. And to keep your SPL, you must maintain an “active” license in that state.

Failure to maintain a license in your designated state of principal license will result in termination of all licenses issued by member states, as required by the IMLC law.

The importance of keeping your State of Principal License in place—and keeping an active license in that state—can’t be overstated. Don’t put your licenses at risk. If you have any questions about maintaining your SPL, contact the Compact office at: imlccexecutivedirector@imlcc.org

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News from IMLCC Staff and Committees

FROM THE IMLCC CHAIR

By Ken Simons, M.D. (Wisconsin)

"Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction."
-John Fitzgerald Kennedy

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FROM THE IMLCC OFFICE

By Marschall Smith, Exec. Director

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FROM THE BYLAWS RULES COMMITTEE

By Ruth Martinez, Committee Chair (Minnesota)

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FROM THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

By Kevin Bohnenblust, Committee Chair (Wyoming)

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FROM THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

By Edward Cousineau, IMLCC Treasurer (Nevada)

The Budget Committee of the Interstate Medical Licensure
Compact (Compact) held a telephonic meeting during the week
of April 8 to finalize the recommendations regarding the
Compact's
2019-2020 budget. These recommendations will be offered to
the full Compact Commission at its semi-annual meeting to be
held on the 30th of this month.

Main components of the proposed budget seek to increase both
Compact staffing and improve IT functions related to initial
licensure and renewal of licensure through the Compact.

FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

By Patricia McSorley, Committee Chair (Arizona)

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