Interstate Medical License Compact

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So you want to join a compact…

• Pros and Cons
• Myth Busters
• To-Do List
• What is going to cost?
Pros:

- Increased licensees, thus increased access to care
- Increased portability for licensees
- Attracts “clean record” practitioners with ease of license application
Cons:

- Significant increase in work, especially during development and early implementation
- Early work happens way before initial license fees are collected
- Will naturally lead to a two-tier fee system for license (traditional license, and “compact plus” fee)
Busting Myths About Compacts

• This isn’t like a driver’s license

• Compact licensees aren’t “better,” they just have an application that is much easier to process for the licensing agency

• All compact licenses expire at different times and have the different requirements
To-Do List

• Compact licensure likely requires a change to your state’s Practice Act (thus a Legislative Fix)

• Identify Commissioners (2 per State for Medical)

• Identify the fiscal impact, and work it into next year’s budget

• Establish a timeline