

Nurse Licensure Compact Update

The Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) has now passed in twenty-three states: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin. Kentucky's bill will be implemented on June 1, 2007. Colorado's bill will also be implemented in the summer of 2007. New Jersey has also not been implemented yet. The 20 states which have implemented the Compact thus far are: Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin. South Carolina was the most recent state to implement, February 1, 2006.

For future reference on the current status of Compact States, refer to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing web site at:

http://www.ncsbn.org/nlc/rnlpvcompact_mutual_recognition_state.asp

NCSBN Receives Grant:

The National Council received the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Grant for Licensure Portability. The award is in the amount of \$342,000. The grant will provide funding for implementation of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) by providing incentive grants for states to implement; provide funding to defray costs related to implementation of the uniform licensure requirements, including criminal background checks, by providing incentive grants to states; and provide funding for an annual nurse licensure portability summit to discuss licensure issues with states and stakeholders.