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Nurse Licensure Compact

- NCSBN is a nonprofit that represents the boards of nursing from each state and U.S. territory. NCSBN's members were the drafters of the NLC language.
- Patient safety is paramount in the NLC
  - NLC has uniform licensure requirements in the statute
    - NLC requires federal criminal background checks
  - NLC requires states to work together during the disciplinary process
  - All nurses who are in an alternative to discipline program (including confidential programs) must self-report their participation to the Board of Nursing.
- Transparency is also a priority
  - NLC mirrors the Federal Administrative Procedures Act and includes open meetings, notice requirements and availability to comment on prospective rules.
- Thirty-five states participating in the NLC and states with pending legislation.
  - The NLC has been operating successfully for over 20 years.
  - NCSBN offers grants to states to help implement the NLC.
- NLC is a useful tool to address healthcare staffing issues.
  - NLC is used by employers to quickly cover staffing gaps-particularly in specialty nursing areas.
  - The NLC aids during times of disaster but allowing out of state compact nurses to immediately cross state lines and aid during a disaster.
  - The NLC facilitates telehealth which offers better access to care for all patients, but particularly patients in rural areas.