

Take Action Now to Support the Nurse Licensure Compact!

Nurses want the Compact; it is time that Springfield listens. Illinois needs to join 39 jurisdictions in becoming a member of the Compact. The multistate licensure protects Illinois nurses when practicing across state lines, whether in direct care or using Telehealth to offer nursing advice or education.

By 2025, the state is looking at a 14,395 shortfall of nurses: that's on top of the current shortage. The Nurse Licensure Compact is a modern licensure solution for today's health care. The Nurse Licensure Compact allows for nurses in participating states to have one multistate license with the ability to practice and communicate with patients or students-both physically and electronically. Telehealth has increased 38x the pre-covid baseline. Telehealth companies are forming, and nurses are being hired, but none of that is happening in Illinois because we are not part of the NLC. This missed opportunity for economic growth will not return.

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