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Issue

Modern health care delivery requires that advanced practice registered nursing care, today and in the future, be dynamic and fluid across state boundaries. The 100-year-old model of nursing licensure is not flexible, adaptable or nimble enough to best meet this need.

Solution

The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact (APRN Compact) increases access to care while maintaining public protection at the state level. The APRN Compact allows for advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to have one multistate license in their home state, with the privilege to practice in other APRN Compact states. The APRN Compact was approved in 2015 by state boards of nursing, and was introduced in state legislatures for the first time in the 2016 legislative session.

Benefits of the APRN Compact

- Increases access to care by enabling APRNs to serve patients in rural areas across state boundaries.
- Enables APRNs to practice in person or provide care via telehealth to patients located across the country without having to obtain additional licenses.
- Allows APRNs to quickly cross state borders and provide vital services in the event of a disaster.
- Facilitates telehealth and online APRN education.
- Cost Effective
 - APRNs do not have to obtain additional licenses, making practicing across state borders both affordable and convenient.
 - The compact benefits health care delivery organizations that employ APRNs and often share in the expenditure and maintenance of multiple state licenses.

Safe and Efficient

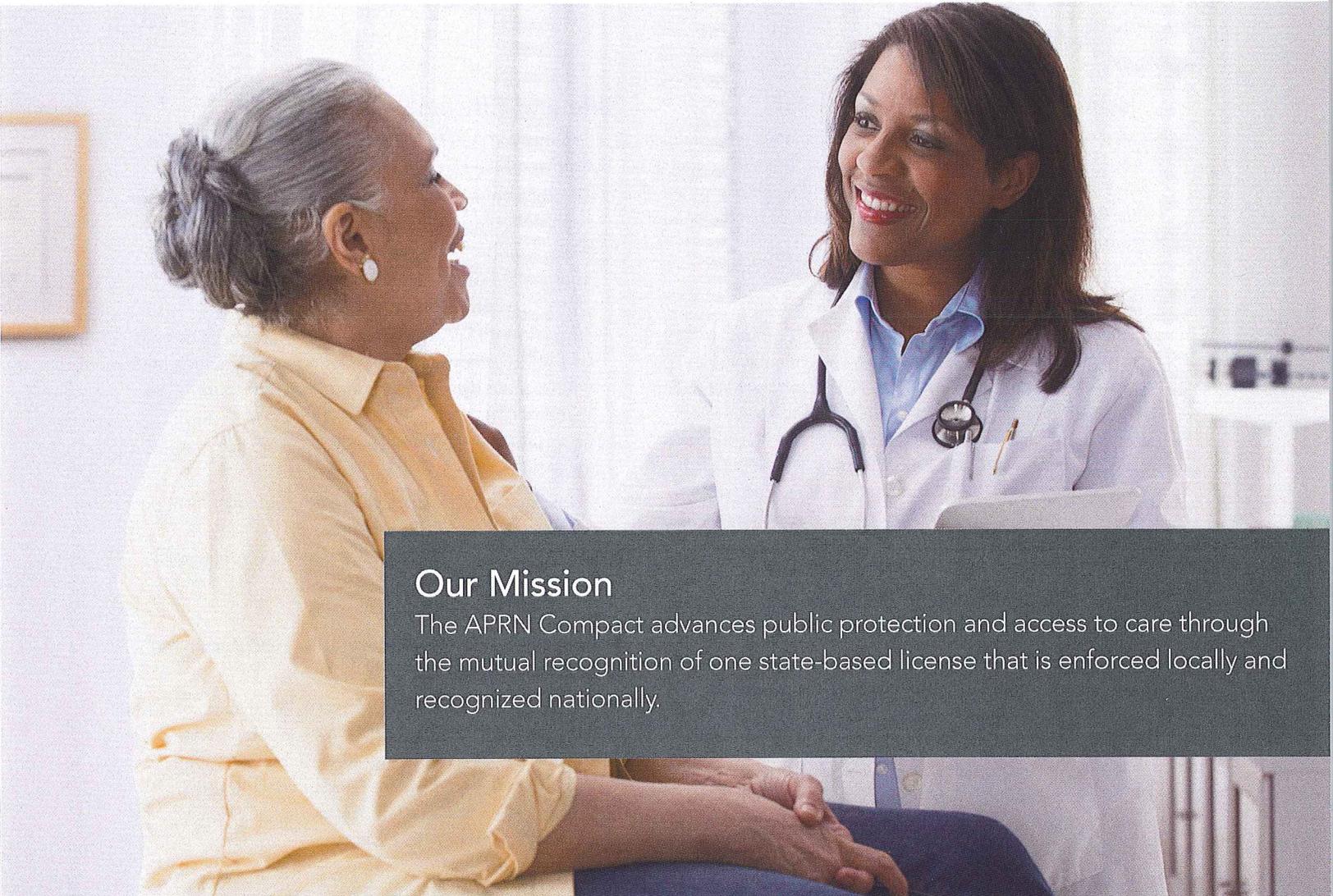
- Facilitates the states' responsibility to protect the public health and safety by:
 - Promoting uniform licensure requirements to ensure and encourage the cooperation of party states.
 - Facilitating the exchange of information between party states in the areas of APRN regulation and investigation whenever an issue arises.
 - Ensuring that party states have the authority to hold an APRN accountable in meeting state practice laws in the state where the patient is located during the time of care.
- Encourages efficiency in the 100-year-old licensure model by:
 - Decreasing redundancies in both the consideration and issuance of APRN licenses.
 - Promoting and encouraging interstate practice by APRNs.

A Modern Nurse Licensure Solution for the 21st Century

The APRN Compact increases access to health care, protects patient safety and reduces costs while supporting state-of-the-art health care delivery—for today and in the future. To join the APRN Compact, states need to enact the APRN Compact model legislation and implement a federal criminal background check for APRN licensure.



Unlocking Access to Advanced Practice Nursing Care Across the Nation



Our Mission

The APRN Compact advances public protection and access to care through the mutual recognition of one state-based license that is enforced locally and recognized nationally.

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