



# INTERSTATE PODIATRIC MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT

Expanding Care to Keep America On Its Feet



The Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact (IPMLC) expands access to podiatric medical care, safeguards the public, and streamlines licensure for podiatric physicians and licensing boards. Through one application, podiatric physicians can obtain expedited licensure in multiple states, making it easier to serve patients across the country. States become members of the compact by passing legislation that adopts the model compact language.

## The Compact Benefits

### PATIENTS

- **Expanded Access to Care:** Increases availability of podiatric services, especially in rural and underserved areas, through cross-state in-person and telemedicine options.
- **Specialized Care Continuity:** Supports access to coordinated, high-level care for patients with complex conditions, close to home.
- **Emergency Readiness:** Enables swift deployment of podiatric clinicians during public health crises.
- **Assured Patient Safety:** Guarantees care from podiatrists who meet high licensing standards.

### PODIATRIC PHYSICIANS

- **Streamlined Licensure:** Cuts the burden, time, and cost of securing and maintaining multiple licenses.
- **Broader Practice & Job Access:** Enables cross-state in-person and telemedicine care, expanding reach to new patients and markets.
- **Military Mobility Support:** Eases license transitions for relocating service members and spouses.

### STATES

- **Preserves State Authority:** Upholds individual state podiatric practice acts and full regulatory oversight.
- **Improves Operational Efficiency:** Streamlines licensure processes through shared technology and centralized data systems and reduces costs.
- **Ensures Accountability:** Compact-licensed podiatrists must comply fully with all laws and regulations in each state where they practice.

### LOCAL HOSPITALS

- **Stronger Workforce & Recruitment:** Reduces gaps by expanding access to qualified podiatric physicians across compact states.
- **Trusted Quality Standards:** Compact physicians meet strict benchmarks, ensuring high-quality care.

### About

The IPMLC is not yet operational. It will be activated once four states adopt the model legislation, and historically, licensure compacts can take up to 24 months to become fully operational after activation.

For more information about the IPMLC, please visit [ipmlc.org](http://ipmlc.org).

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