Easing PA’s Nursing Shortage
PA takes first step to implement interstate Nurse Licensure Compact

**WHAT’S HAPPENING?**
Registered nurses and licensed practical nurses from other states who hold multistate licenses through the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) will be able to provide in-person and telehealth services to PA patients.

**WHAT IS THE NLC?**
The NLC is an agreement among 41 states and territories to recognize each other’s nurses who are licensed by compact members, similar to how states recognize each other’s driver’s licenses.

**HOW DOES THIS AFFECT PA PATIENTS?**
Allowing these qualified nurses to provide services here means that PA patients have access to additional health care resources and that PA health care facilities have access to an expanded workforce to help ease the commonwealth’s nursing shortage.

**WHEN DOES THIS CHANGE TAKE EFFECT?**
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**WILL PA NURSES BE ABLE TO WORK IN OTHER NLC STATES?**
Not yet. Pennsylvania nurses will be able to apply for a multistate license once the compact has been fully implemented.

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