

# 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.

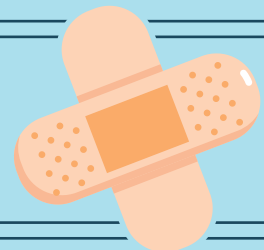


## WHEN DOES THIS CHANGE TAKE EFFECT?

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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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