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## **FSMB Congratulates Commission on Launch of Interstate Medical Licensure Compact**

*Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission begins processing applications for expedited licensure*

Washington, D.C. (April 7, 2017) –Today, the Federation of State Medical Boards’ (FSMB) President and CEO, Humayun Chaudhry, DO, MACP, released the following statement congratulating the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission for officially launching the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact:

“Today marks an important milestone in the history of medicine and medical regulation in the United States. The launch of the Compact will empower interested and eligible physicians to deliver high-quality care across state lines to reach more patients in rural and underserved communities. This is a major win for patient safety and an achievement that will lessen the burden being felt nationwide as a result of our country’s physician shortage. I congratulate the Commission and all of our partners who worked tirelessly over the last five years to make this day a reality.”

“I commend leaders of our nation’s state medical boards for their dedication to increasing access to quality healthcare and support the expanded use of telemedicine for patients by streamlining the medical licensure process,” said Art Hengerer, MD, Chair of the FSMB Board of Directors.

The [Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission](http://www.fsmblcc.org) officially began accepting applications this week from qualified physicians who wish to obtain multiple licenses from participating states. The Commission’s website, [IMLCC.org](http://www.fsmblcc.org), provides information about who is eligible to apply for expedited licensure as well as a step-by-step explanation of the application process.

Currently, eighteen states have adopted the Compact and eight additional states and the District of Columbia have introduced legislation in support of a pathway for license portability.

**About the Federation of State Medical Boards**

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) is a national non-profit organization representing all medical boards within the United States and its territories that license and discipline allopathic and osteopathic physicians and, in some jurisdictions, other health care professionals. The FSMB serves as the voice for state medical boards, supporting them through education, assessment, research and advocacy while providing services and initiatives that promote patient safety, quality health care and regulatory best practices. To learn more about FSMB, visit [www.fsmb.org](http://www.fsmb.org). You can also follow FSMB on Twitter ([@theFSMB](https://twitter.com/theFSMB)).

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