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Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Representatives Gather for Inaugural Meeting

Group begins shaping new streamlined multi-state licensure process for physicians

Chicago, Ill. (Oct. 30, 2015) – The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission met on Oct. 27-28 in Chicago to establish an administrative framework for the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, which offers a streamlined licensing process for physicians interested in practicing medicine in multiple states.

The Compact establishes a voluntary licensing pathway for physicians that eliminates the need to apply separately for a license in more than one state. By significantly streamlining the licensure process, the Compact is expected to expand access to health care – especially to patients in underserved areas of the country – and facilitate new modes of health care delivery, such as telemedicine.

The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission consists of two voting representatives from each state that has enacted the Compact. In its first year of legislative consideration, 11 states have enacted the Compact. As additional states enact the compact, new representatives will be added to the Commission. The Compact has been endorsed by a broad coalition of health care stakeholders, including the American Medical Association (AMA) and the American Osteopathic Association (AOA).

During its inaugural meeting in Chicago, Commission members adopted temporary bylaws, appointed committees and elected the following officers:

- Chair: Ian Marquand (Montana)
- Vice Chair: Jon Thomas, MD (Minnesota)
- Secretary: Diana Shepard, CMBE (West Virginia)
- Treasurer: Brian Zachariah, MD (Illinois)

The next meeting of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, on Dec. 18.

For more information about the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, visit: <http://licenseportability.org/>. To read the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact legislation, [click here](#).

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