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Guam Joins Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

23 states and territories now members of the Compact

WASHINGTON, D.C. (February 27, 2018) – Guam has passed legislation to become the first U.S. territory to join the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. It joins 22 states in offering an expedited pathway to licensure for qualified physicians wishing to practice in multiple states and territories.

“We are encouraged by the continued expansion of the Compact both within the continental U.S. and outside it with the addition of Guam,” said FSMB President and CEO Humayun Chaudhry, DO. “This is an opportunity for an island like Guam to ensure that its residents have access to quality health care, regardless of geographical challenges.”

Guam joins 22 states that have enacted legislation to expedite multi-state medical licensure since 2015. These states include Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The initiative remains under consideration in Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Vermont and the District of Columbia.

The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission’s application process officially went live on April 6, 2017, and its first license was issued on April 20, 2017. As of January 1, 2018, more than 750 medical licenses have been issued through the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

To learn more about the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, please visit IMLCC.org

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