Physical Therapy Licensure Compact

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Facilitate interstate practice of physical therapy with the goal of improving public access to physical therapy services

Compact Benefits for the Public

• Improve continuity of care
• Improve portability for military spouses
• Improve access to physical therapy providers
• Increase choice of physical therapy providers
• Facilitates alternate delivery methods (Telehealth)
  • Simplifies/speeds up the current process
  • Addresses portability & barriers to access
• Practice of physical therapy occurs in the state where the patient/client is located at the time of the patient/client encounter
Compact Benefits for the Jurisdictions

- Preserves state-based licensure system
- Improves communication between states
  - Ensures full participation in license and disciplinary data system
  - Sharing of investigatory information
- Requires criminal background checks
- Requires continuing competence
Compact Commission

- Governmental Entity
  - Delegate from each member jurisdiction
  - Current Board member or administrator
- Independent from FSBPT
- Promulgates rules
  - No impact on scope of practice

PTC: Enactment

ROAD TO 10 MEMBERS

2016: OR, TN, AZ, MO
2017: MT, ND, MS, KY, UT

April 25, 2017 Washington 10th state to enact

PTC: Current Status as of July 1, 2017

Compact Legislation Enacted: (13)
Membership Suspended by Commission: (5)
Compact Legislation Introduced: (11)
Session Closed without Passage/Bill Pulled: (3)
PTC: Keys to Success

- Transparency
  - Open to any outcome- compact or no compact
  - Broad representation-
    - geography, legislator, professional association, staff, public members, pro and con-compact viewpoints
  - Initiative from the membership
- Customize your compact to meet your needs
- Partnerships: APTA, DSLO, CSG
- Education, education, education!
- Military spouse language
- Stress benefits to the public & board

Thank You

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