

Federation of Podiatric — Medical Boards —



**Interstate Podiatric
Medical Licensure Compact**

Expanding Care to Keep America On Its Feet

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Presentation Objectives

1) Understand the Need for License Portability

How evolving healthcare demands make modernization essential

2) Understand Compacts and Their Role in Healthcare

Recognize the wide use across health professions and IPMLC's alignment with the MD/DO model

3) Learn the Expedited Licensure Pathway

Single application, streamlined process, preserved state authority

4) Follow the Legislative Roadmap

From model law introduction to state ratification

5) Learn from States Leading the Way

Numerous states have introduced, or plan on introducing legislation

6) Take Action with FPMB Support

Education, outreach, and legal guidance for adoption

FEDERATION OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL BOARDS

Mission Statement

To serve as the national voice for state podiatric medical boards while collaborating with allied organizations, supporting member boards with services and initiatives that protect and promote patient safety, integrity of podiatric medicine, access to high-quality healthcare, and regulatory best practices

Vision Statement

A podiatric medical regulatory system that protects patients and ensures access to high-quality healthcare services, sustaining the integrity and excellence of podiatric medicine

Impact Statement

An effective and efficient podiatric medical regulatory system that: 1) Acts in the public interest; 2) Provides patient protection, 3) Sustains the integrity of podiatric medicine, and 4) Supports license portability



License Portability: The Need for Change



Advancements in telehealth and increasing adoption of digital healthcare platforms



Improving podiatric healthcare access, especially in rural areas and communities with workforce shortages



Relocation, including veterans & spouses*, or employment opportunities in different regions or states



Healthcare crisis (pandemics or natural disasters)

*Veterans Auto and Education Improvement Act of 2022 ([H.R. 7939](https://www.congress.gov/bills/117/7939))

Atlanta VA's Home-Based Podiatry Pilot Program Breaks New Ground



“One Intermediate Care Technician will usually see 10-12 patients at the clinic. Because of travel and geography, the ICT will only see 2-3 patients a day,” said Nichol Salvo, DPM, Chief of Podiatry and Program Director of Limb Preservation at the Atlanta VA.

Source: [VA.gov](https://www.va.gov)



Interstate Compacts & Healthcare



A legal agreement among participating states to coordinate on issues that cross state borders



Hundreds of compacts already exist, including **over sixteen (16)** for the healthcare professions (in different stages of completion):

- Athletic Training
- Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology
- Counseling
- Dietetics
- Dentistry & Dental
- Hygiene
- Emergency Medical Services Personnel
- **Medicine (MDs/DOs)**
- Nursing & Advanced Practice Registered Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Physician Assistants
- Physical Therapy
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- Psychology
- Respiratory Therapy
- School Psychology
- Social Work
- Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology

PODIATRY

Podiatric Physicians & Surgeons



An Established Path to Success

The Podiatry Compact affords podiatric physicians and surgeons the same additional licensure pathway as MDs and DOs.

The **Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact** follows the well-established and successful path of the MD/DO Compact. It streamlines the licensing process (“expedited licensure”) for podiatric physicians allowing them to obtain licenses in multiple states quickly and efficiently while improving patient protection.

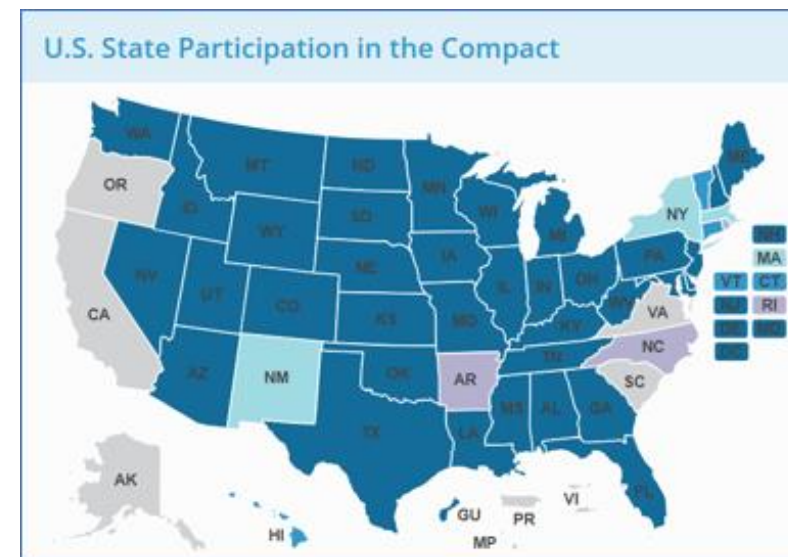
MDs/DOs – Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC)

Rapid Adoption

- Launched by Federation of State Medical Boards in 2013, the first state adopted the model law in 2017
- Today, the IMLC includes **44 member jurisdictions** — 42 states, Guam, and the District of Columbia

Extensive Participation

- As of July 31, 2025, the IMLC has enabled **49,027** physicians to secure **162,456** medical licenses



Expedited Licensure Process

The Podiatry Compact simply provides an additional “TSA-like” pathway of licensure for eligible podiatric physicians.

Will the Compact supersede state authority?

No. States keep full control of podiatric licensure. The Compact only coordinates an expedited process—it does not override state authority.

Will the Compact change the Practice Act or Scope of Practice?

No. The Podiatry Compact will not change in any way a state’s Podiatric Medical Practice Act, or a state’s full authority in administering its duties of oversight.

Expedited Pathway: Voluntary, streamlined process for podiatric physicians seeking licensure in multiple states.

Single Application: One Compact application enables eligibility for multiple, separate state licenses.

State-Issued Licenses: Licenses are still granted by individual states but issued faster with fewer burdens.

Renewals: Handled by the Compact and must meet each Compact State’s requirements



Key Qualifications

DPM Compact	MD/DO Compact	
1) Is a graduate of a podiatric medical school accredited by the CPME	SAME	<i>Medical school accredited by LCME, COCA, or IMED-listed</i>
2) Passed Parts I, II, and III (PMLexis) of the NBPME/ APMLE, or their NBPME/APMLE recognized replacement examinations	SAME	<i>Passed each component of the USMLE or the COMLEX-USA within three attempts</i>
3) Successfully complete a podiatric residency program approved by the CPME	SAME	<i>Completed GME approved by ACGME or AOA</i>
4) Holds specialty certification from a specialty board recognized by the CPME	SAME	<i>Specialty certification or a time-unlimited specialty certificate recognized by ABMS or AOABOS</i>
5) Possesses a full and unrestricted license to engage in the practice of podiatric medicine issued by a member board	SAME	<i>Full and unrestricted license to engage in the practice of medicine</i>

Key Qualifications demonstrate parity between MD/DO and DPM.



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Key Qualifications

DPM Compact	MD/DO Compact	
6) Has never been convicted, received adjudication, deferred adjudication, community supervision, or deferred disposition for any offense by a court of appropriate jurisdiction	SAME	<i>Identical language</i>
7) Has never held a license authorizing the practice of podiatric medicine subjected to discipline by a licensing agency in any state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction, excluding any action related to the non-payment of fees related to a license	SAME	<i>Identical language</i>
8) Has never had a controlled substance license or permit suspended or revoked by a state or the US DEA or voluntarily surrendered such license after notification of investigation	SAME	<i>“voluntarily surrendered such license after notification of investigation” specified in an Advisory Opinion</i>
9) Is not under active investigation by a licensing agency or law enforcement authority in any state, federal or foreign jurisdiction	SAME	<i>Identical language</i>



Step-by-Step Process

Compact Pathway

-  Form a Licensing Board Task Force
-  Draft the Compact Collaboratively
-  Legislation Introduced & Enacted
-  Ratification by Participating States
-  Activate the Compact Commission
-  Implement the Compact

ACT NOW: Introduce legislation while key enablers, like the **HRSA grant** and **IMLCC** partnership are available, making this initiative economically possible.

FPMB Support

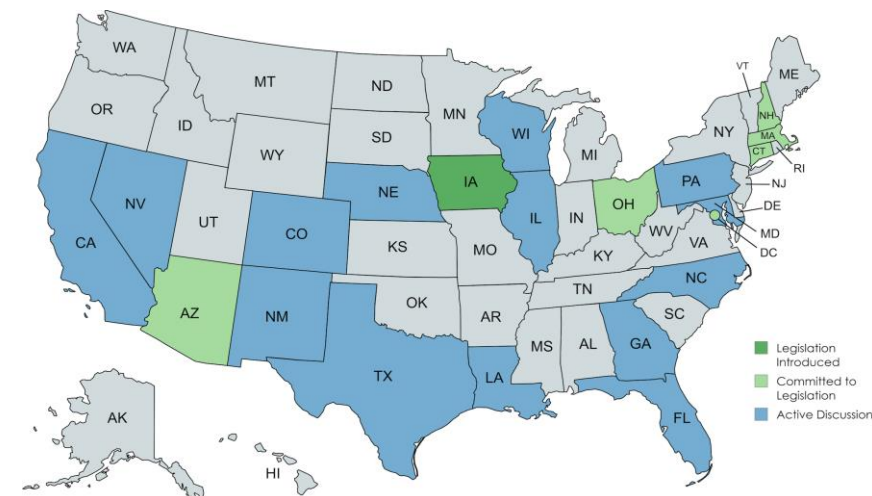
Education & Outreach: HRSA funds cannot be used for lobbying, but FPMB supports organizations introducing legislation via outreach & education

Legal Expertise: Premier legal liaison reviews and represents legislative documents (same expert from MD/DO compact)

With 44 states and jurisdictions having already adopted the MD/DO compact, passage of the Podiatry Compact in these states should be well-supported, reflecting the parity in language between the two compacts.



1. Arizona	6. Florida	11. New Mexico
2. California	7. Georgia	12. New Hampshire
3. Colorado	8. *Iowa*	13. North Carolina
4. Connecticut	9. Louisiana	14. Ohio
5. District of Columbia	10. Massachusetts	15. Pennsylvania



LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

IOWA Podiatric
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“During the 2025 Iowa legislative session, the IPMS introduced legislation to adopt the IPMLC. The bill unanimously passed both the State Government subcommittee and full committee. However, it did not make it onto the House debate calendar before the second funnel deadline. Since 2025 marks the first year of the 91st General Assembly, the bill remains eligible for consideration in the 2026 legislative session without needing to be reintroduced. IPMS remains optimistic about advancing this legislation to reduce regulatory barriers for podiatrists practicing across state lines.” **—Lane Till, IOM, Executive Director**



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Together, we can
transform and streamline
podiatric licensure—
improving patient care
& safety while expanding
access nationwide

PODIATRIC PHYSICIANS

- **Streamlined Licensure:** Cuts the burden, time, and cost of securing and maintaining multiple licenses.
- **Broader Practice & Job Access:** Enables cross-state in-person and telemedicine care, expanding reach to new patients and markets.
- **Military Mobility Support:** Eases license transitions for relocating service members and spouses.



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