The Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact:
The Licensure Solution for Interstate Nursing Practice in the US
What is the Nurse Licensure Compact?

• The NLC is an interstate compact.
• It authorizes a nurse holding one multistate license in the primary state of residence to practice (physically or via telehealth) in any compact state.
Timeline

Original NLC
- drafted in late 1990s and implemented in 2000
- 25 states joined from 2000-2015

Enhanced NLC (eNLC)
- Updated version adopted 2015 to replace original NLC
- 26 states enacted eNLC between Jan 2016 and July 2017
- Became effective July 20, 2017.
- To be implemented Jan 19, 2018.
Original NLC – Current Status
Enhanced NLC – Current Status
What’s Different in the enhanced NLC?

• 11 Uniform Licensure Requirements
• Establishment of the Commission
• Rulemaking by the Commission
• Dispute Resolution & Enforcement Provisions
Thank you!

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