Physical Therapy Licensure Compact - Purpose

• Facilitate interstate practice of physical therapy with the goal of improving public access to physical therapy services
History of Compact Development

• 2010 – Exploration of Compact and other alternatives
• 2011 – Study requested by FSBPT in coordination with APTA
• 2012 – Report on potential solutions
• 2013 – Resource Guide created
• 2014 – Advisory Task Force Recommends Development of a Compact
• 2015 – First PT Compact language drafted for public comment
• 2016 – Legislation introduced in 5 states
• April 25, 2017 – 10th state joins the PT Compact
• November 5, 2017 – First PT Compact Commission meeting held
• July 9, 2018 – First compact privilege issued
## Physical Therapy Licensure Compact

### Practice of physical therapy
- Occurs in state where patient is located
- Follows the scope of practice of state where patient is located

### Preserves
- State’s regulatory authority to protect public health & safety through current system of state licensure

### Supports
- Spouses of relocated military members

### Enhances public protection
- Exchange of licensure, investigatory, and disciplinary information between member states

### Governance Structure
- Provides for a representative and collaborative governance structure to establish and enforce consistent rules and procedures, manage associated costs, and deliver outcomes
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
• Eye to the future
  • New health care delivery models
  • International access to care
  • Alternate physical therapy delivery methods...Telehealth?
Compact Benefits for Jurisdictions

• Preserves the current state-based licensure system
• Full participation in the Exam, Licensure, and Disciplinary Database (ELDD)
• Requires criminal background checks for applicants for initial licensure
• Requires continuing competence
• Allows sharing of investigatory information
• Demonstrates PT regulators responsiveness to issues
  • E.g.: portability
Key Provisions of PT Compact

• Compact Privilege – Different than a license. Compact Privilege is purchased for each desired state.
• Eligibility Requirements – Licensees must meet and maintain all requirements to obtain and keep Compact Privileges.
• Home State – defined as the licensees primary state of residence. Licensee must have active license in his/her home state. Home state’s requirements and disciplinary authority unchanged for licensee.
Key Provisions of PT Compact

• Remote State – Remote states have authority to take action against a Compact Privilege.

• Disciplinary Actions - All adverse actions and disciplinary actions will be reported regularly to Commission and shared with member states including availability of investigatory information.

• Continuing Competence Required

• FBI Criminal Background Checks Required
Information Flow for verification and purchase

Compact State Sends License Data to ELDD weekly & Discipline When Effective

PT or PTA Logs into PT Compact Online with FSBPT ID

PT/PTA Confirms Basic Info (Can Modify)

PT Compact Online System Pulls Record and Verifies Eligibility

If Applicable, Attests to Jurisprudence

Purchases Compact Privileges

ELDD Record Updated, State Notified Via Daily Email, PT/PTA Gets Receipt with CP# and Payment Info
How Does A PT or PTA Obtain a Compact Privilege?

Chris must have:

- license in home state
- primary residence in home state
- no encumbered licenses of any type
- no disciplinary action within the last 2 years
- met any jurisprudence requirement of state Y

Pays fee(s): commission & state

Chris receives Compact Privilege & begins working in remote state Y

Compact commission:
- Assures Chris' eligibility
- Remits any fees to state Y
- Notifies state Y Chris is coming
Status of PT Compact Adoption
As of December 7, 2018

PT Compact Member State – Issuing Compact Privileges (6)

PT Compact Legislation Enacted – Not Yet Issuing Compact Privileges (15)
PT COMPACT 2019 LEGISLATIVE OUTLOOK

16 States Expressing Interest

- Alaska
- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Delaware
- Georgia
- Idaho
- Indiana
- Maryland
- Michigan
- New Mexico
- Nevada
- Rhode Island
- Virginia
- Vermont
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming