



NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT

Through the Nurse Licensure Compact, licensed nurses have the ability to provide care to patients – either in-person or through telehealth – in their home state and any other state or U.S. territory that is part of the agreement. **As of January 2022, 39 states and U.S. territories have enacted the Nurse Licensure Compact, including all states contiguous to Illinois.**

During the 2021 Illinois legislative session, **Senate Bill 2068: Nurse Licensure Compact**, received bipartisan support and was passed unanimously by the Senate Licensed Activities Committee, but was not called for a full vote of the Senate and did not reach the House for final consideration. The legislation, like bills introduced in previous General Assemblies, would authorize the State of Illinois to enter into interstate nurse compact agreements and make permanent the current nurse licensure flexibilities that are now in place through a temporary COVID-19 Executive Order issued by Governor J.B. Pritzker. **The bill is widely supported and endorsed by Illinois health care providers and associations, including the Illinois Health and Hospital Association and the American Nurses Association, among others.**

UnityPoint Health supports Illinois' participation in the Nurse Licensure Compact and urges the Illinois General Assembly to pass supporting legislation, allowing greater practice opportunities for nurses and increasing access to health care for Illinoisians.

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST: Enact Illinois Senate Bill 2068 or comparable legislation, which ratifies and approves the Illinois Nurse Licensure Compact, allowing for the issuance of multistate licenses that grants nurses the ability to work in their home state and other compact states.

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