



Social Work Compact Welcome Letter

Welcome! We are excited that your state has joined the Social Work Licensure Compact.

The Social Work Licensure Compact facilitates the interstate practice for social workers while maintaining protection of public health and safety.

Once the Compact is fully operational, licensed social workers will be able to apply for a multistate license to practice in-person and through telehealth in other member states.

The Social Work Compact Commission will hold its inaugural meeting on September 17th, 2024. At its inaugural meeting, the Commission will establish bylaws and committees. It will also take the first steps toward implementing the shared interstate licensure data system that will allow for instant verification of license standing.

As part of the Social Work Compact, your state's Social Work Regulatory Authority must appoint a representative to serve as your state's Commissioner on the Social Work Compact Commission. As stated in Section 10(B) of the Social Work Compact legislation, these representatives shall be empowered to act on behalf of the Compact state and shall be limited to:

1. A current member of the State Licensing Authority at the time of appointment, who is a Regulated Social Worker or public member of the State Licensing Authority; or
2. An administrator of the State Licensing Authority or their designee.

In appointing your Commissioner, please consider the following:

1. **Availability of your representative** - It is expected that the Commission's first year will require significant involvement, likely including face-to-face meetings, conference calls, committee assignments and email correspondence as the governing documents and implementation components for the Compact are created.
2. **Ongoing participation** - After the initial year, the full Commission must meet at least once a year. As the work of the Commission is ongoing, providing continuity of representation will make this a more cohesive and functional group.



3. **Knowledge of state statutes/regulations and Compact legislation** - It will be essential to have a working knowledge of your state statutes and regulations and of the Compact in particular to assist the Commission in the development of governing documents and to guide the decision-making process regarding specific components of the Compact.
4. **Conflict of Interest** - A state should consider if any real or potential disqualifying conflict of interest exists when selecting a commissioner. Please refer to the code of conduct form for more details. For any questions regarding whether a conflict exists, please the Compact's Interim Legal Counsel, Samantha Nance, at samantha.nance@emwnlaw.com.

Until the Compact has hired a permanent management organization, The Council of State Governments will be working with the member states.

Thank you again and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan Logsdon'.

Dan Logsdon
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The Council of State Governments