



Recognition of EMS Personnel
Licensure Interstate CompAct

A perspective for policymakers

REPLICA - Background:

REPLICA is an interstate compact that recognizes the day-to-day movement of EMS personnel across state lines. REPLICA extends a privilege to practice under authorized circumstances to EMS personnel based on a license issued in their home state EMS office.

REPLICA improves access to EMS for the patients while bringing new efficiencies to the EMS personnel licensure process. For the first time in the history of the EMS profession, Compact states will know who is coming into their state to practice from other Compact states. EMS personnel use the home state EMS license to move across state lines and perform their official duties. When doing so, they are subject to the laws and rules of that state in which they are operating.

Since 2015, seven states have passed REPLICA's model legislation. In order to activate the Compact, a total 10 states will need to sign on and pass and enact the REPLICA legislation. REPLICA was developed in close consultation with the Council of State Governments (CSG) National Center for Interstate Compacts (NCIC), state EMS offices, the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO), and twenty-three stakeholders in EMS, healthcare, public safety and government. The REPLICA Commission will then be established to oversee the Compacts operation each state will have one seat and one vote per member.

REPLICA operates similar to the Driver License Compact and Nurse Licensure Compact and Interstate Medical Licensure for physicians. According to the NCIC, there are over 200 active interstate compacts in the United States today, 25 are national in focus and 5 have been adopted by all five states.

REPLICA - Benefits for EMS Personnel

EMS personnel will only have to obtain and maintain one EMS license in their home state. Member Compact states extend privileges to practice when performing authorized duties.

EMS personnel will provide care under the home state protocols and within their scope of practice unless modified by the appropriate authority in accordance with rules to be promulgated by the Compact Commission.

For the protection of patients and coworkers, EMS personnel will be held to the highest standards through background checks using biometric data that is compliant with FBI requirements.

REPLICA - Benefits for Members of the Military, Veterans and their Spouses

The Compact member states will implement an expedited licensure process for members of the military and their spouses who are separating from active duty and hold a valid, unrestricted NREMT certification. This includes veterans and members of the National Guard and Reserves.

REPLICA - Benefits for the Public

Access to EMS personnel will be improved across state lines through the privilege to practice shared between Compact states. The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASESMO) and the Council of State Governments (CSG) support REPLICA as a means of upholding the laws and rules in other Compact states.

For the first time in the history of EMS, the Compact will facilitate the ready exchange of information between member states. This information will include EMS personnel licensure history, adverse events, and significant investigatory information.

Compact states will act collectively as one in the recognition and promotion of the laws and rules of each respective state.

REPLICA - What it does not do

REPLICA does not allow EMS agencies to circumvent state laws and set up new services across state lines; REPLICA only applies to individual EMS personnel and licenses.

REPLICA does not supersede state EMS laws, rules, or authority. Compact states work collectively to recognize and promote Compact state EMS personnel licensure regulations.

REPLICA does not provide automatic reciprocity for EMS licensure between states.

REPLICA – Support

We are pleased to have the support of the Council of State Governments (CSG), the National EMS Advisory Committee (NEMSAC) and the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC).

At a meeting on August 13, 2014, CSG passed a resolution in support of REPLICA, which included:

“The Council of State Governments supports the establishment of the Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Compact (REPLICA) and encourages its member jurisdictions to consider the new interstate agreement as an innovative policy solution to the challenge of interstate EMS personnel emergency and life-saving operations. “

For the full Resolution click here :

[http://knowledgecenter.csg.org/kc/system/files/CSG_Resolution%20in%20Support%20of%20the%20Recognition%20of%20EMS%20Personnel%20Licensure%20Compact%20\(REPLICA\).pdf](http://knowledgecenter.csg.org/kc/system/files/CSG_Resolution%20in%20Support%20of%20the%20Recognition%20of%20EMS%20Personnel%20Licensure%20Compact%20(REPLICA).pdf)

In September 8, 2016 the National EMS Advisory Council, (NEMSAC) passed a Final Advisory on RELICA with its full support. Activation of REPLICA in every State and Territory is in line with the NEMSAC core values of being visionary, strategic, and diligent. Having REPLICA activated nationwide is visionary because it promotes a seamless and integrated workforce across the continuum of emergency care. “
September 8, 2016

For the full Final Advisory click here:

<https://www.ems.gov/pdf/Approved-REPLICA-Advisory-of-the-NEMSAC-FINAL090816.pdf>

On September 25, 2014, the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) supported the adoption of REPLICA . “The adoption of the compact will make it easier for EMS personnel in different states to cooperate in the delivery of services. I encourage volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue personnel to work to have REPLICA is adopted in their states.”

<http://www.nvfc.org/ems-personnel-licensure-interstate-compact-model-legislation-distributed-to-states/>

Supporting National Organizations and Associations

- American Ambulance Association
- Association of Air Medical Services
- Association of Critical Care Transport
- Council of State Governments
- International Association of Fire Chiefs
- National Association of EMS Educators
- National Association of EMS Physicians
- National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians
- National Association of State EMS Officials
- National EMS Management Association
- National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians
- National Volunteer Fire Council

REPLICA - Questions and Further Information

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