

Background info on proposed resolution:

Federal pressures to account for interstate operability of licensure across state lines along with a need to expand practice across state lines. As evidenced by the COVID-19 pandemic, pharmacy licensure portability has been at the forefront of increasing access to care and filling healthcare deficiencies. An increase in telehealth, telepharmacy, vaccine administration, remote work, and central processing/shared services will continue to grow and develop pharmacy's impact on patient outcomes and safety. Now more than ever exists the need for NABP to develop a multi-state compact licensure model that allows for efficient and effective access for state boards of pharmacy and professionals across the country.

Issue or need does this resolution attempt address:

License portability and removing barriers for interstate practice and to provide opportunity to have some input ahead of the federal government dictating to the profession.

Is this Actionable? YES

What is the desired outcome? NABP becoming part of a solution that allows our profession to practice across state lines without adding new regulatory hurdles, prior to potential/impending federal regulatory action.

Is this in NABP's scope of sphere of influence? Yes

Does this fit within the mission of NABP? Yes

Proposed Resolution Language

Whereas other health professions have developed infrastructure for multi-state compact license portability to increase access to care.

Whereas NABP conducted a task force and published a report on mutual recognition licensure in September of 2018 recommending further enhancements and evaluation of license portability.

Whereas the COVID 19 pandemic has exposed the need for interstate portability of pharmacist licensure and practice.

Whereas during the COVID-19 pandemic NABP Passport was created thereby facilitating states to allow individual facilities, pharmacists, technicians, and interns to practice in/into their state without obtaining additional state specific licenses.

Therefore be it resolved that NABP create a system to allow efficient interstate portability of a state licensure compact.