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# INTERSTATE COMPACT AGREEMENT

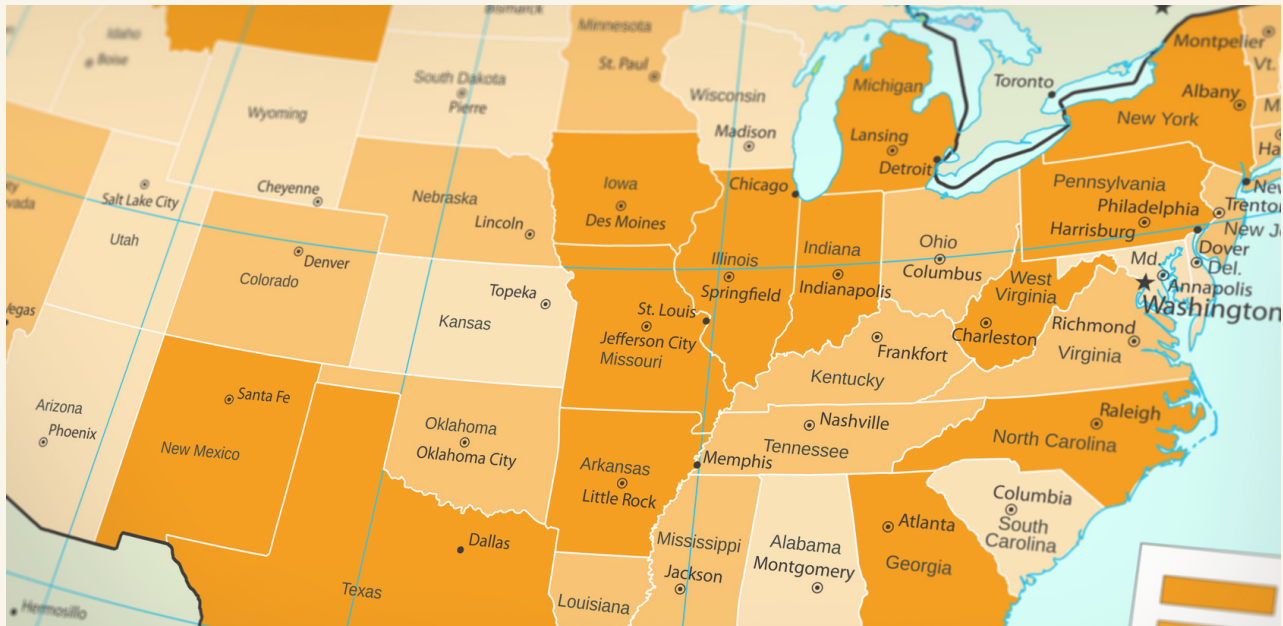
## DEVELOPMENT

The National Association of Certified Professional Midwives (NACPM) is spearheading an initiative to create interstate compact agreements for midwifery licensure portability. This move is to address the state-specific licensure restrictions that limit access to maternal health services and contributes to health inequities.



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## Proposal for the Development of Interstate Compact Agreements by NACPM with CSG Technical Assistance

### Executive Summary

The National Association of Certified Professional Midwives (NACPM) is working to garner support for the creation of interstate compact agreements for midwifery licensure portability. NACPM is applying for help through the Council of State Governments (CSG). If accepted, the Department of

Defense (DoD) will fund CSG to provide technical support to NACPM. Financial support for this groundbreaking initiative will be required in order to dedicate staff hours appropriately. The project includes drafting model legislation, developing a legislative resource kit, and convening state policymakers to enhance occupational licensing mobility, increase healthcare access, and improve public health and safety.



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## Introduction

Occupational licensing portability is crucial in the evolving healthcare landscape, especially in midwifery. State-specific licensure restrictions hinder access to maternal health services. In collaboration with CSG, this project seeks to address these challenges by establishing robust interstate compact agreements.

## Develop model legislation

Develop model legislation for licensed midwifery interstate compacts.

## Create a Resource Kit

Create a legislative resource kit for state adoption.

## Host a Summit

Host a summit for state policymakers to promote the compact.

## Establish Reciprocity

Establish licensure reciprocity and streamline interstate practice.

## Support military spouses

Support military spouses in their professional mobility.

## Enhance Cooperation

Enhance cooperative regulation and information exchange among states.



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## Scope of Work and CSG Collaboration

### CSG Technical Assistance

CSG, funded by the DoD, will provide staff personnel, convenings, materials, and technical assistance for model legislation development.

### NACPM's Role

NACPM will lead the initiative's strategic planning, stakeholder engagement, and advocacy efforts.

### Areas of Focus

01

Drafting model legislation in collaboration with CSG.

02

Developing and disseminating the legislative resource kit.

03

Organizing and facilitating the policymakers' summit.

## Budget and Funding Needs

NACPM requires grant funding for areas not covered by CSG, including advocacy efforts, campaign execution, and additional resources for summit participants. This funding is crucial as NACPM will not receive direct funding from CSG's DoD-supported initiative.

### Benefits

**Licensure Portability:** Facilitates cross-state practice, especially significant for military spouses.

**Access to Healthcare:** Increases availability of midwifery services, addressing maternity deserts.

**Public Health Enhancement:** Strengthens states' abilities to protect public health.

**Cooperative State Relations:** Fosters state cooperation in multistate practice regulation.

## Conclusion and Call to Action

This initiative represents a pioneering step in occupational licensure reform for midwives. NACPM's collaboration with CSG, supported by DoD funding and additional grant funding, will pave the way for enhanced professional mobility and improved access to maternal health services. NACPM seeks support from partners and funders to realize this innovative project. Your contribution will be instrumental in shaping the future of midwifery practice and healthcare accessibility across state lines.



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## Implementation Plan Phases

### 01

#### **Collaborate**

Collaborate with national stakeholders under CSG's leadership for research and development.

### 02

#### **Plan Summit**

Plan and conduct the policymakers' summit.

### 03

#### **Implement**

Implement a nationwide consumer advocacy campaign.

### 04

#### **Support**

Offer ongoing support to states for compact adoption.