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Subject: IMPORTANT-Joint Statement of Policy on Nurse Licensure Compact Act

Dear Providers and Stakeholders,

This communication contains important information on a Joint Statement of Policy released by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the State Board of Nursing, and the Department of Human Services, regarding application of Pennsylvania's partial implementation of the [Nurse Licensure Compact Act](#).

The partial implantation of the Nurse Licensure Compact Act (2021 Act 68) **allows Registered Nurses (RNs) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) who hold current multistate licenses from other compact states to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania without obtaining a license from the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing, so long as the licensee's principal place of residence is not in this Commonwealth.**

The Joint Statement of Policy, released in the 1/13/2024 issue of the [PA Bulletin](#) (page 148), indicates that, **"for purposes of applying statutory and regulatory nursing standards and qualifications, RNs and LPNs holding multistate licenses pursuant to the NLC will be treated as if they possess an RN or LPN license issued by the Board."**

What does this mean for Personal Care Homes (PCH) and Assisted Living Residences (ALR)?

The Joint Statement of Policy clarification on the partial implementation of the Nurse Licensure Compact Act means that PCH/ALR providers may consider a RN or LPN with a multistate license who does not have their principal place of residence in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be equivalent to a RN or LPN who holds licensure through the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing. Any reference to "Registered Nurse," "RN," "Licensed Practical Nurse," "LPN," or "nurse" in [55. PA Code Chapter 2600](#) and [55. PA Code Chapter 2800](#) and their corresponding [Regulatory Compliance Guides \(RCG\)](#) may be interpreted to include eligible multistate licensed nurses, regardless of whether or not the regulation specifically indicates that licensure is required by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing.

Please remember that all other statutory and regulatory requirements continue to apply. All nurses being utilized in PCH/ALR settings must be able to provide services at the physical location if their job description, facility policies and procedures, and/or resident needs require direct resident assessment, evaluation, or treatment.

For more information on multi-state nurse licensure, including identification of states participating in the compact, please visit www.nursecompact.com.

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