



COALITION FOR MODERNIZING DENTAL LICENSURE

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Mr. Dan Logsdon
Director, National Center for Interstate Compacts
The Council of State Governments Center of Innovation
1776 Avenue of the States
Lexington, KY 40511

Dear Mr. Logsdon:

On behalf of the Coalition for Modernizing Dental Licensure, I write to express our support for the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact. The Coalition is comprised of more than 120 national and state organizations, institutions and programs representing dentistry, dental hygiene, dental and dental hygiene education, dental specialties, and nonprofit groups working to improve public access to oral health care. We believe that enhancing dental and dental hygiene licensure portability measures among states is critical to improving access to dental care.

Much like the existing licensure compacts for other health professionals such as nurses, physical therapists, physicians, psychologists and EMS personnel, the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact will increase licensure portability for practitioners while allowing member state regulatory boards to better protect consumers through enhanced sharing of licensure information. Existing interstate licensure compacts have been successful in reducing barriers for practitioners who wish to provide services in other states.

We recognize that the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact will benefit consumers, licensure boards, and the dentistry profession by:

- enhancing mobility for practitioners who meet uniform licensure requirements;
- increasing access to care for patients;
- ensuring continuity of care when patients or practitioners relocate or travel to other states;
- allowing military personnel and spouses to more easily maintain their licenses when relocating; and
- preserving and strengthening the current system of state licensure.

Notably, the Coalition recognizes that the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact preserves each member state's authority to regulate the profession. We acknowledge and fully support the principle that practitioners utilizing the compact must abide by the laws and rules of the state in which they are practicing and adhere to that state's scope of practice.

With these benefits in mind, the Coalition for Modernizing Dental Licensure strongly supports the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact.



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph P. Crowley D.D.S." in a cursive script.

Joseph P. Crowley, D.D.S.
Chair, Executive Committee

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