INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT COMMISSION

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Work continues for the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission

The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC) Commission is preparing for its third scheduled meeting for March 31 and April 1, 2016 in St. Paul, Minn. The Commission met previously on Oct. 27-28 in Chicago, Ill. and on December 16 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The IMLC is a binding agreement among states where it has become state law and these member states include Alabama, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia, Wyoming and, most recently, Wisconsin.

The purpose of the IMLC is to have a streamlined process that allows physicians to become licensed in multiple states, thereby enhancing the portability of a medical license. The IMLC creates another pathway for licensure and does not otherwise change a state's existing Medical Practice Act. The IMLC also adopts a uniform and stringent standard for licensure and affirms that the practice of medicine occurs where the patient is located at the time of the physician-patient encounter. Upon licensure via the IMLC, the physician will be under the jurisdiction of the medical board in the state where the patient is located.

The IMLC Commission consists of two appointed commissioners from each of the IMLC member states. The IMLC Commission is charged with creating a governing structure and foundation so that the process for expedited medical licenses in IMLC member states can proceed. IMLC Commission has its own bylaws, rules, committees, and governing structure. For more information, contact IMLCC Communications Committee Chair Margaret Hansen in South Dakota at Margaret.Hansen@state.sd.us or Commission Chairperson Ian Marquand in Montana at IMarquand@mt.gov.

At its upcoming meeting, the IMLCC is expected to discuss and/or take action on the following items:

- *Seating of New Commissioners (if any)
- *Proposed Amendments to IMLCC Bylaws
- *Proposed Rules and Rulemaking Process
- *IMLCC Conflict of Interest Policy
- *Personnel Needs and Recruitment
- *Technology Needs of the IMLCC
- *Funding Sources and Budget Planning
- *Communications Plans and IMLCC Outreach
- *New Commissioner Orientation
- *Updates to the IMLCC Work Plan and Timetable
- *The Next IMLCC meeting: Date, Time, Location

A formal agenda will accompany the formal meeting notice, which will be made by March 1.