



# Capitol Report: State & Federal Trends You Need to Know

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# EPIC

EMS

Personnel Licensure

Interstate

Compact

# What is an Interstate Compact?

- Think drivers' licenses & EMAC
- Must be enacted by the state legislature and signed into law by the Governor
- “Quid pro quo” between states
- Maintenance of state sovereignty and control
- Universal rules apply to all member states

# The Headaches and Nightmares

- Day to day mutual aid
- Major incidents below the level of a Governor-declared disaster
- Wildland fire EMS unit personnel
- US DHS personnel (border patrol, USCG, etc.)
- Hopscotchers

# The Decision

- Preserve state sovereignty and collective control
- Create a system of self-regulation by the states whereby national policy can be put into place but remain flexible enough to change as change continues to occur in the EMS industry
- Develop an interstate compact working closely with CSG's National Center for Interstate Compacts

# Interstate Compacts – Operational Benefits

- National data & information sharing systems
- Enhanced enforcement and compliance mechanisms
- Uniform compact language and rules
- Uniform operations and procedures
- Proven governance structures

# Phase I – National Advisory Panel (4 months)

- 24 individuals
- Issue and stakeholder experts from state EMS agencies, federal partners, and the EMS industry
- Two 2-day meetings
- Consensus-based guidance to identify high level provisions



# Heavy Lifting:

- Settings/circumstances to which the compact will apply
- Requirements the “home” state must have in place
- Characteristics the individual must possess
- Adverse actions

## Phase II – Expert Drafting Team (7 months)

- 13 person team, 5 NASEMSO Reps
- Federal and state policymaker, legislative bill drafter, other experts
- 4 meetings
- Technical and legal input via NCIC

In order for a licensee to be provided with immediate legal recognition in another member state when the licensee responds to that member state, the licensee must have been requested or deployed by an agency having jurisdiction, which includes but is not limited to:

- An incident commander
- An employer with statutory or contractual authority to conduct operations in that geographical area
- A medical care facility for a patient in their system
- A public safety answering point or other communications center responsible for requesting EMS resources

# Operational Scenarios

- The licensee and patient originate in the home state and transport the patient to a remote state
- The licensee originates in the home state and responds to a remote state to pick up a patient and provide care and transportation while returning to the home state
- The licensee originates in the home state and responds into a remote state to pick up a patient and provide care and transportation within that remote state

# Operational Scenarios

- The licensee originates in the home state and responds to a remote state to pick up a patient and provide care and transportation to a third state
- The licensee is based in the home state and is the first due responder or mutual aid provider under local governmental or interagency agreement/contract to an area of a remote state
- The licensee is based in the home state and in a federal or state employment capacity operates in a remote state, regardless of patient origin and destination

# Operational Scenarios

- The licensee is based in the home state and as part of their state contractor or federal interagency cooperator capacity operate in a remote state, regardless of patient origin and destination
- The licensee is based in the home state and responds into a remote state upon being dispatched to a major incident, provide care and may transport within the remote state or to another remote state

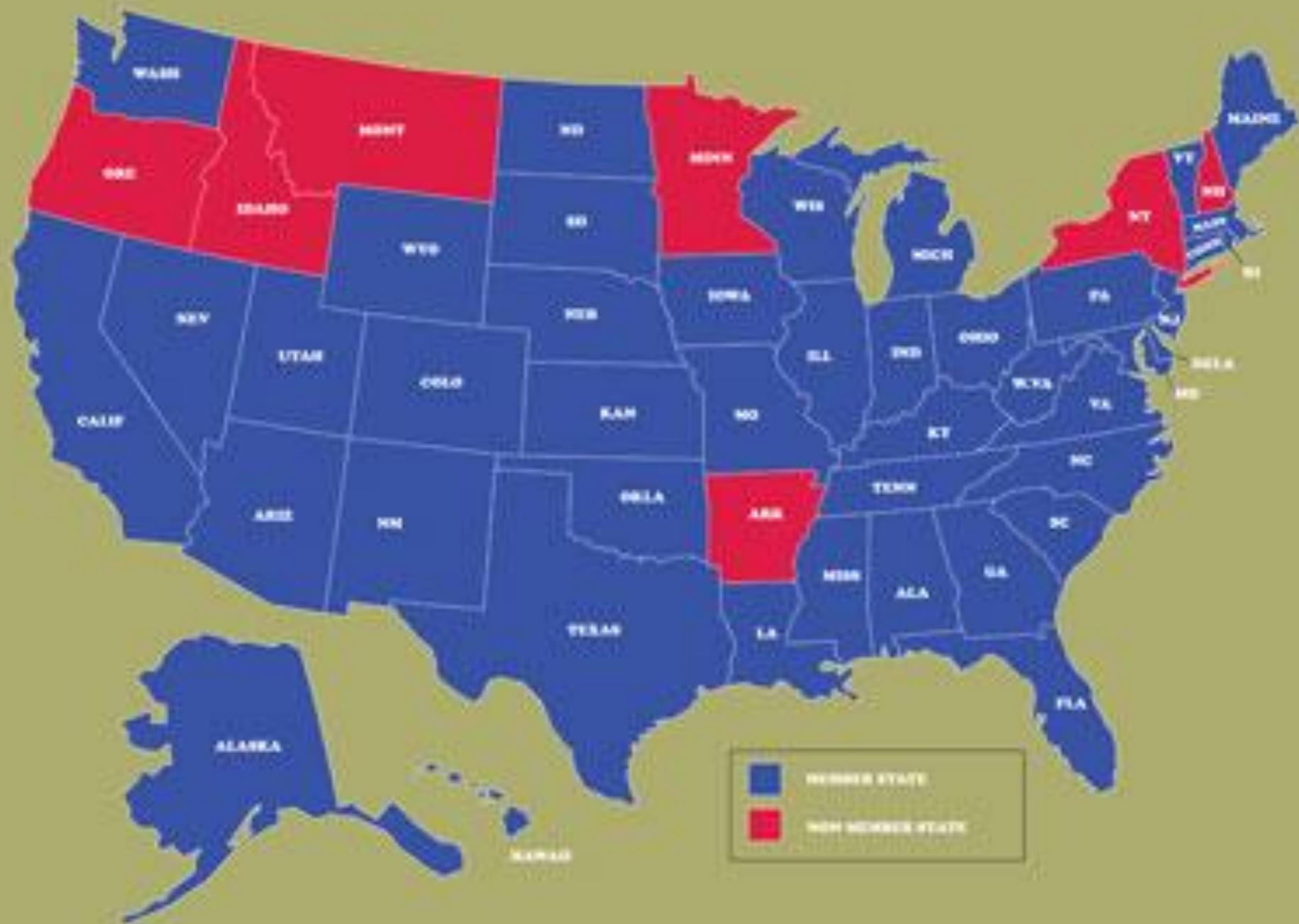
# “Home” State Considerations in Play

- Pass the law!
- Be a current user of the NREMT examinations at the EMT and Paramedic levels
- Do \*some\* kind of criminal history check
- Agree to review adverse event reports received from another compact state

# “Remote” State Considerations in Play

- Pass the law!
- Agree to document complaints and conduct investigations
- Exercise the ability to suspend provider’s privilege to practice
- Provide home state with documentation of investigations and suspensions





# Questions?

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