

The Council of State Governments
National Center for Interstate Compacts
EMS Personnel Licensure: Exploring Interstate Cooperation
National Advisory Panel - Statement of Purpose

The National Advisory Panel (NAP) is tasked with examining the current landscape of challenges and issues facing state emergency medical services (EMS) offices and the personnel they license. The NAP is charged with constructing a set of recommendations that can be considered in the development of a model interstate compact related to the licensure of EMS personnel. The NAP is composed of twenty-five issue and stakeholder experts from around the country with emphasis placed on state officials and other policymakers, as well as key external stakeholders, including federal agencies and industry.

The National Advisory Panel will convene during two 2-day meetings to discuss, review and establish a set of recommendations that will be used to guide the development of a model interstate compact for states' use to provide immediate legal recognition to EMS personnel at and above the level of emergency medical technician under specified conditions. The funding for the project has been provided by the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in order to facilitate a long term solution to the interstate deployment of DHS personnel who may provide EMS in the course of their official duties.

- Meeting #1 will focus on the identification of challenges, conditions, and categories of criteria that should be considered in the compact development.
- Meeting #2 will further explore the categories of licensure eligibility criteria that should be used by the issuing state and finalize the development of recommendations and best practices to be encapsulated into a future model interstate compact draft which a second team will develop.

National Advisory Panel Goals:

1. Identify challenges posed by “little- or no-notice” movement across state borders.
2. Identify the conditions that create/cause key cooperation issues, including statutory limitations.
3. Identify the barriers to effective cooperation and information sharing.
4. Identify the problems within key issues that may be resolved via an interstate agreement.
5. Identify the obstacles to effecting change.
6. Develop recommendations to identify issues that will guide the potential creation of an interstate solution.
7. Issue a set of formal recommendations, meeting summary and report detailing potential interstate solutions cooperation issues.
8. Review the draft interstate agreement to ensure compliance with the final recommendations of the National Advisory Panel.