

Issue Brief



ACTION REQUESTED: Support Adoption of the ASLP-IC in States

The Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC) facilitates the practice of audiology and speech-language pathology by securing a privilege to practice in a member state or through telehealth.

ISSUE: The ASLP-IC is needed to

- Provide a mechanism to assist audiologists and speech-language pathologists who work in multiple states;
- Ensure the ethical and legal provision of services and reduce regulatory barriers while still protecting the public; and
- Establish consistencies in the regulatory requirements around the provision of services.

DEVELOPMENT PROCESS:

An advisory group is made up of state licensing boards and practitioners to research and suggest possible solutions to regulate interstate practice.

A drafting team creates the compact incorporating the recommendations of the advisory group.

- October 2017: Advisory group initial meeting
- November 2017 – March 2018: Advisory group work sessions
- April 2018: Advisory group presented a set of recommendations to the drafting team
- May 2018: Drafting team met for the first time
- June 2018 – September 2018: Drafting team work sessions
- October 2018: Drafting team presented a draft compact for stakeholder review
- October 2018 – January 2019: The project team conducted over 60 interactions with state regulatory boards, practitioners, specialty groups, and membership associations
- February 2019: Drafting team reconvened to review stakeholder feedback and incorporate changes into draft compact
- March 2019: The Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC) was approved by the advisory group

SOLUTION: ASLP-IC Highlights

ASLP-IC provides a mechanism to allow for the legal, ethical, and regulated practice of interstate practice and telehealth by:

- granting qualified audiologists and speech-language pathologists the privilege to practice in ASLP-IC member states;
- allowing telehealth to be practiced in ASLP-IC member states;
- allowing for increased access to underserved communities; and
- giving military personnel and spouses a means to maintain their profession when relocating.

ASLP-IC Addresses:

- obligations of the home state;
- obligations of the member states;
- how adverse actions are resolved; and
- compact funding and governance.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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