



**DDH** Dentist and  
Dental Hygienist Compact



**National Center for  
Interstate Compacts**  
THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS



# The Council of State Governments

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## Scope

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## Membership

CSG is a region-based membership organization that fosters the exchange of insights and ideas to help state officials shape public policy

## Mission

Champion excellence in state governments in order to advance the common good

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# National Center for Interstate Compacts (NCIC)

- Founded in 2004
- Seeks to help states work cooperatively to solve mutual issues and meet shared goals
- Serves as an:
  1. Information clearinghouse
  2. Provider of training and technical assistance
  3. Primary facilitator for assisting states in the review, revision and creation of new interstate compacts



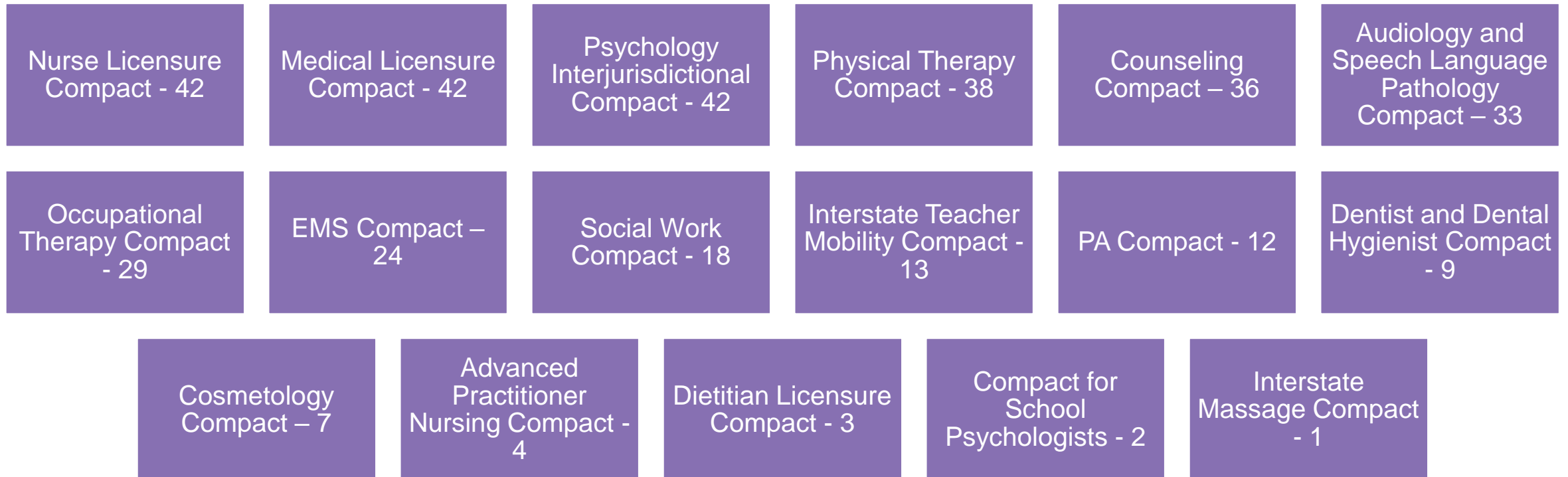
Multistate Problem Solving  
with Interstate Compacts

# List of Licensure Compacts Developed by CSG

Compact	Partner
Audiology and Speech Language Pathology Interstate Compact	American Speech Language Hearing Association
Cosmetology Compact	Future of the Beauty Industry Coalition
Counseling Compact	American Counseling Association
Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact	American Dental Association/American Dental Hygienists Association
EMS Compact	National Association of State EMS Officials
Interstate Massage Compact	Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards
Interstate Medical Licensure Compact	Federation of State Medical Boards
Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact	National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification
Nurse Licensure Compact	National Counsel of State Boards of Nursing
OT Compact	American Occupational Therapy Association
PA Compact	Federation of State Medical Boards
Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact	Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards
PT Compact	Federation of State Physical Therapy Boards
Social Work Licensure Compact	Association of Social Work Boards

# Active Occupational Licensing Interstate Compacts

## Number of State Enactments



# Compact Development Process

## 2019: CSG Convenes National Dental Organizations to Discuss Compact Concept

- ADA, ADSO, ADHA, ASDA, ADEA, AADB, AADA all in attendance



## 2021: ADA and ADHA respond to CSG RFA for compact development

- ADA/ADHA notified of successful application
- ADEA, ASDA, JCNDE, CMDL all signed onto applications as “supporting organizations”
- AADA verbally committed to supporting



## 2021: Technical Assistance Group (TAG)

- Broad, diverse group of approx. 20 stakeholders from the profession including licensees, dental board members, dental board staff, dental educators and ADA staff.
- Convened virtually over 3 months to together to make initial recommendations on the framework of compact
- **Dental Boards from: Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, Ohio, Washington all represented**

# Compact Development Process (cont.)

## 2022: Document Team

- Small subset of TAG with legal/legislative drafting expertise convened in-person to create initial draft of the compact based on recommendations from TAG
- **Dental boards from Minnesota, North Carolina, and Washington all represented.**



## 2022: Public Comment

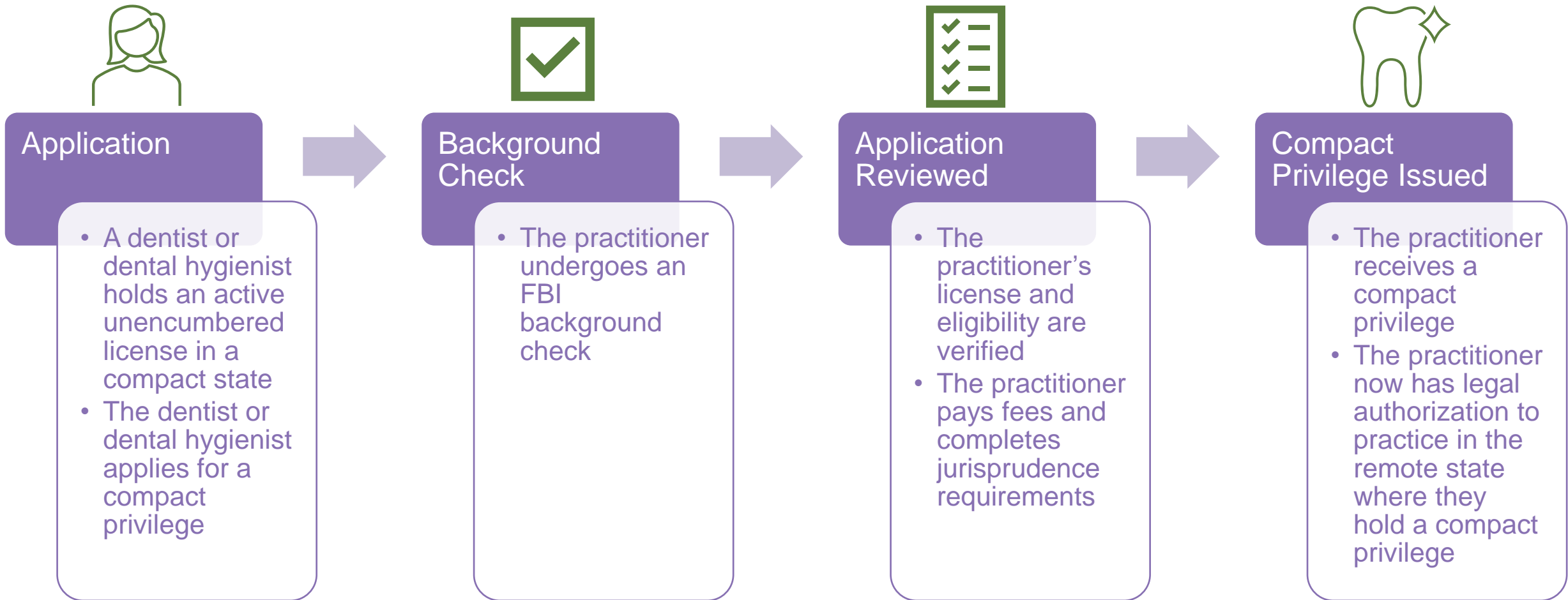
- The initial draft was circulated for review and public comment beginning August 2022.
- Hosted weekly meetings, open to the public, to review draft language and explain provisions
- Received over 400 comments during the 8 weeks public comment period.
- Reviewed all comments with document team



## January 2023: Finalized Compact Draft

- Draft was finalized with consensus from document team and TAG, inclusive of changes made as a result of the public comment period

# DDH Compact Model



# Summary of Key Requirements



Hold a qualifying license issued by a participating state



Passage of National Board Examinations of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations



Graduation from a predoctoral dental education program, leading to the D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree, or a dental hygiene education program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation



Successful completion of a clinical assessment



Completion of Criminal Background Check

# Benefits for Dentists and Dental Hygienists

## BENEFITS OF THE DENTIST AND DENTAL HYGIENIST COMPACT FOR LICENSEES:



Facilitates multistate practice.



Enhances license portability when changing state of residence.



Expands employment opportunities into new markets.



Improves continuity of care when patients or providers relocate.



Supports relocating military spouses.



Reduces burden of maintaining multiple licenses.

# Benefits for Dental Boards

## BENEFITS OF THE DENTIST AND DENTAL HYGIENIST COMPACT FOR REGULATORS:



Reduces administrative burden.



Facilitates practitioner mobility during public health emergencies.



Ensures retention of jurisdiction over practitioners working in their state.



Expands state licensure board cooperation on investigations and disputes.



Enhances public safety through shared data system.

# Benefits for States

## BENEFITS OF THE DENTIST AND DENTAL HYGIENIST COMPACT FOR STATES:



Promotes workforce development and strengthens labor markets.



Expands consumer access to highly qualified practitioners.



Preserves state sovereignty.



Increases collaboration among states.

# Additional Points of Emphasis

- Additional, optional pathway to practice. Not a takeover of the current licensing system. Licensure pathways that currently exist, will continue to exist.
- Privilege model utilized by many other professions including physical therapy and psychology
- Not likely to be significant costs for states to participate
- CODA accredited education is required
- States retain sovereignty over dental practice act and discipline of practitioners within their borders



# Implementation Timeline

April 2024

- DDH Compact legislation is enacted in 7<sup>th</sup> state.

Summer 2024

- Formation of compact commission
- Each member state appoints one representative to serve on the commission

Fall 2024

- Inaugural commission meeting
- Commissioners will elect an executive committee and vote on rules. Meetings are open to the public.

# Implementation Timeline

2025 - Ongoing

- Creation of compact data system
- Member states communicate licensure and privilege information via the data system

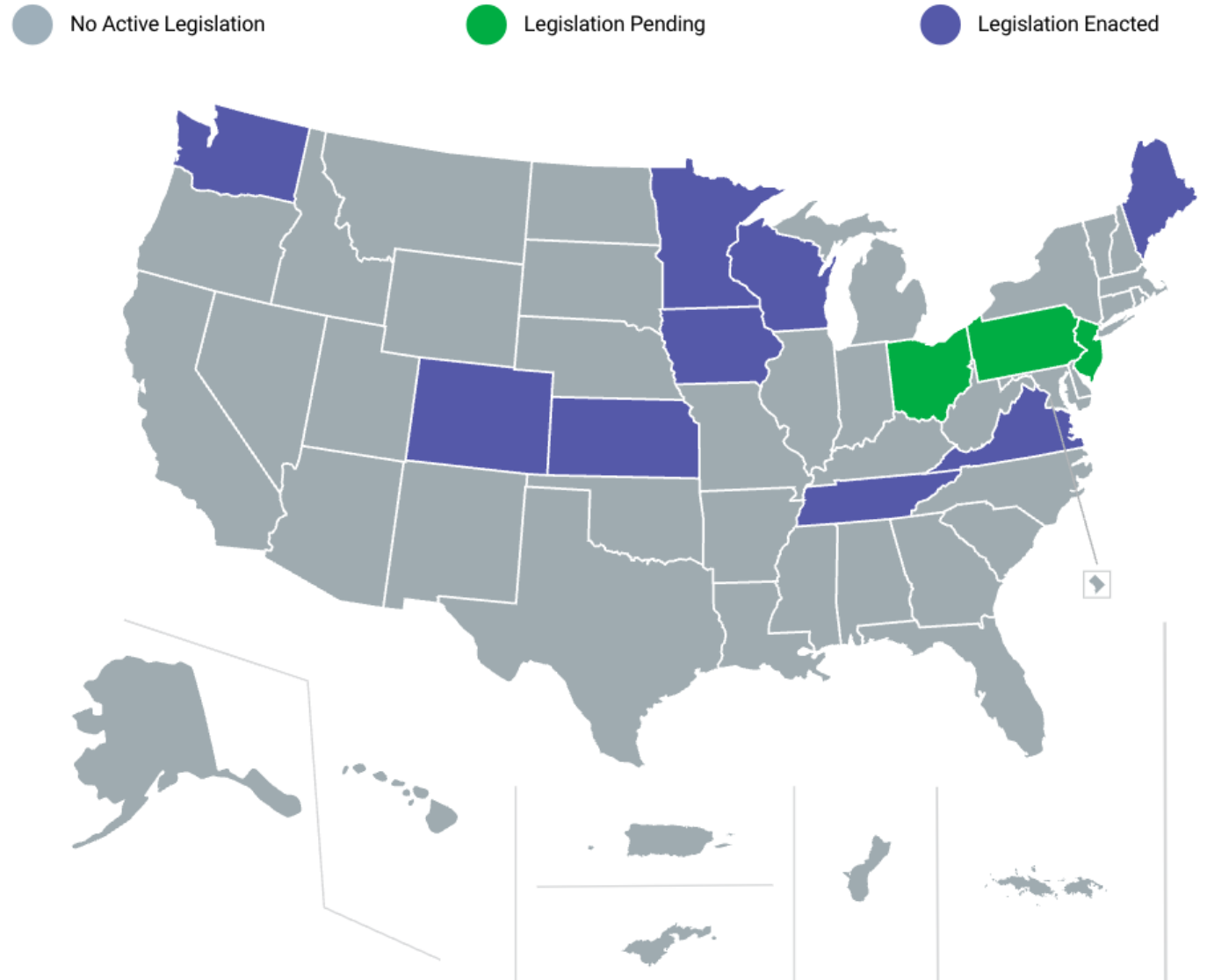
2025 - Ongoing

- Commission holds additional meetings for rulemaking, hiring staff, developing a budget, approve a fee structure and take additional steps for compact to be fully operational

Late 2025

- Privilege applications will open once the data system is up and running and the application process is established

# Compact Map





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## Questions?

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