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### **National Stroke Association Endorses Interstate Medical Licensure Compact**

National Stroke Association – the nation’s only national nonprofit devoted entirely to stroke – today endorsed the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact drafted by the Federation of State Medical Boards.

The compact – which has been approved by 12 states across the U.S. -- aims to expand access to quality health care, especially to those in rural and underserved areas of the country. The compact will expedite the licensing process for qualified physicians and reduce barriers to obtaining licensure in multiple states and jurisdictions.

By significantly streamlining the licensure process for physicians, the compact is expected to expand access to health care and facilitate new modes of health care delivery, such as Telestroke care and telemedicine.

“The compact will continue to ensure state-based regulation of the medical profession while simultaneously promoting access to qualified and experienced physicians in high-need specialties and in rural and underserved areas,” said Matt Lopez, CEO of National Stroke Association. “Not only does the compact protect patients but it will increase the availability of Telestroke care and help control stroke risk factors like high blood pressure and diabetes.”

National Stroke Association’s mission is to reduce the incidence and impact of stroke through a series of programs, resources and materials that are provided to the stroke community at no cost.

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