

Draft Rule on Home State change

1 Definitions “Reissuance Application” – the Commission-approved electronic form a Licensee submits to the new Home State under § 7(B)(1) of the Compact. “Provisional Authorization to Practice” (PAP) – a time-limited authorization described in § 3 that allows practice in the new Home State (and other Member States) while reissuance is pending.

2 Initiating Reissuance

2.1 A Licensee shall submit all materials required by the new Home State for a single-state license as promptly as practicable and in any event before the Provisional Authorization to Practice (PAP) expires (see section 3 below).

2.2 A Licensee shall immediately submit a Reissuance Application through the Compact portal, and in no event later than 30 calendar days of establishing primary residence in the new Home State.

2.3 The Application shall include: a. Legal name, Commission unique identifier, and prior Home State license number. b. Physical address evidencing primary residence in the new Home State. c. Attestation that the Licensee no longer claims residency in the prior Home State. d. Payment of the fee.

2.4 The Licensee shall keep the prior Home State license active and unencumbered until the issuance of a new Single State License in the new Home State.

2.5 Submission of the Multistate Reissuance Application automatically notifies the prior Home State through the Commission data system.

3 Provisional Authorization to Practice (PAP)

3.1 The new Home State may issue a PAP valid for up to 90 days if: a. The prior Home State verifies the existing Multistate License is active and unencumbered; b. No adverse action or significant investigative information is pending; c. The Licensee has applied for a single-state license in the new Home State; and d. The Licensee has applied for Multistate Reissuance Application.

3.2 The PAP confers the same Multistate Authorization to Practice as a Multistate License but expires on the earlier of 90 days or the final decision on the Application.

3.3 A PAP may be revoked by the new Home State upon receipt of disqualifying criminal history or other adverse information. Revocation shall be posted to the central data system within one business day.

4 Verification by the New Home State

4.1 The new Home State shall confirm via the central data system that the Multistate License held in the prior Home State is active, unencumbered, and eligible for reissuance under the terms of the Compact and the Rules of the Commission.

4.2 The new Home State shall obtain FBI and state-level records in compliance with § 7(B)(3) of the Compact.

4.3 The new Home State shall approve or deny the Application within 30 calendar days of receiving a complete filing, absent documented exceptional circumstances.

4.4 If required for initial licensure, the new Home State may require completion of jurisprudence requirements in the new Home State prior to reissuance.

4.5 The Licensee shall be subject to the specific State requirements for the issuance of a Single State License in the new Home State.

5 Decision & Data-System Actions

5.1 Upon approval, the new Home State shall:

- a. Issue a new single-state license to the Licensee and assign its state license number to the Multistate License;
- b. Designate whether the Regulated Social Worker holds a Multistate License in the Bachelors, Masters, or Clinical category of Social Work;
- c. Record the effective date in the data system; and
- d. Trigger deactivation of the Multistate License issued by the prior Home State.

5.2 If the Licensee does not meet Compact criteria, the new Home State shall:

- a. Deny reissuance and record the denial in the compact data system; and
- b. The compact data system notifies all member states.

6 Obligations of the Prior Home State Within 5 business days of notice that the new Home State has issued a Multistate License, the prior Home State shall:

- a. Record surrender of residency-based status;
- b. Deactivate the Multistate License; and
- c. The licensee may retain the prior Home State's Single State License.

7 Fees

7.1 Reissuance Fee is set by the new Home State remitted to the new Home State.

7.2 The new Home State may not exceed the direct cost of processing plus criminal-history fees.

8 Moves Involving Non-Member States

8.1 If a Licensee changes their primary State of residence by moving from a Member State to a non-Member State, or from a non-Member State to a Member State, the Licensee is no longer eligible for the Multistate License reissuance process.

8.2 The Licensee shall be subject to the specific State requirements for the issuance of a Single State License in the new Home State.