



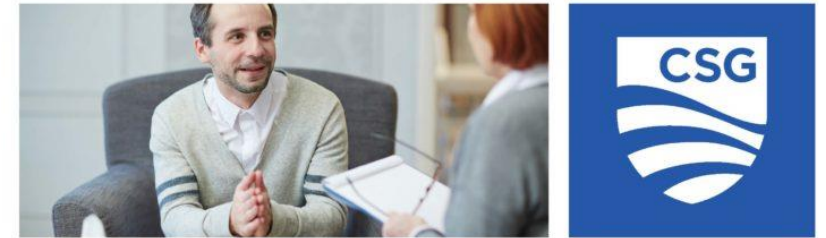
DDH Dentist and
Dental Hygienist Compact



**National Center for
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THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

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

Occupational Licensing Interstate Compacts

Facilitate
Multistate
Practice

Maintain or
Improve Public
Health and
Safety

Preserve State
Authority Over
Professional
Licensing



50 states (+ DC, Guam, USVI) have adopted at least 1 compact.
40 states (+ DC) have adopted at least 3 compacts.



293 pieces of occupational licensure compact legislation have
been enacted since January 2016.



15 professions have active interstate compacts for
occupational licensing.

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

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



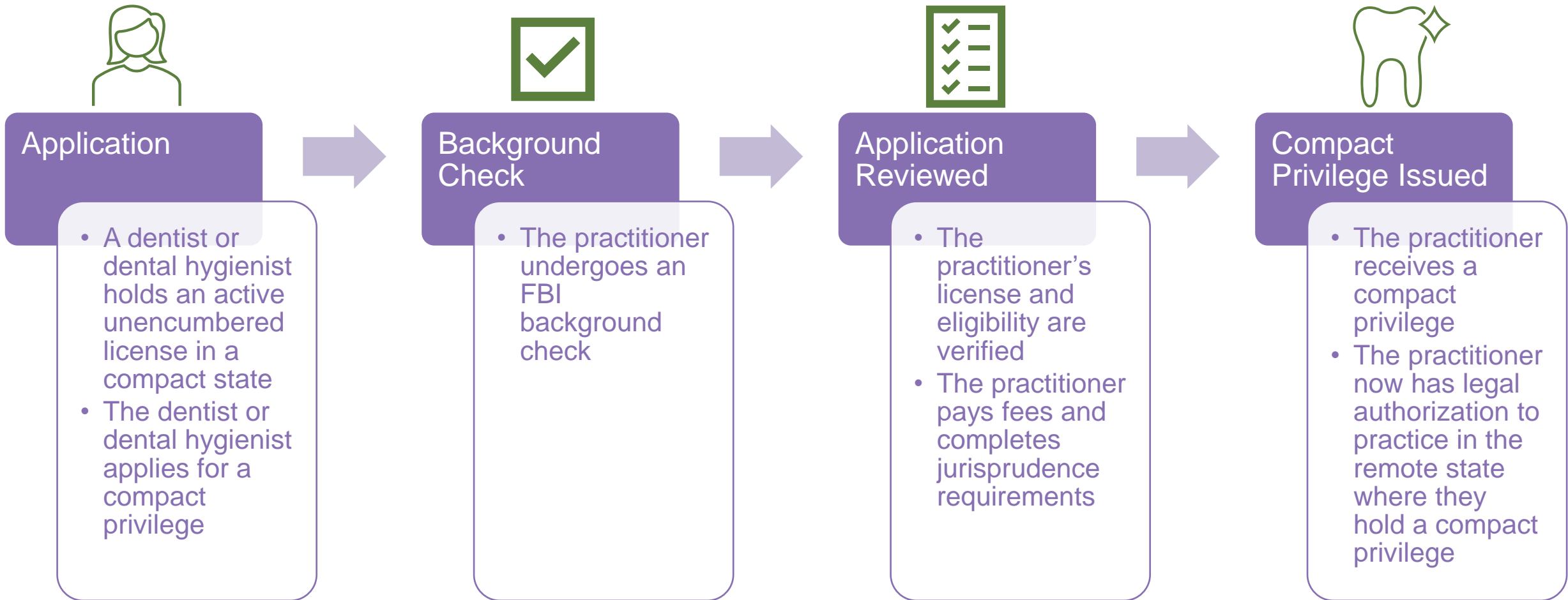
January 2023: Finalized Compact Draft

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

Commonly Used Terms

DDH Licensing Compact Defined Term	What does it mean?
Participating State	A state that has enacted the compact
Qualifying License	An active and unencumbered license issued by a Participating State
Remote State	A Participating State where a Licensee is not licensed and is seeking to practice via a compact privilege
Compact Privilege	Authorization granted to practice in a single Remote State
Compact Commission or Commission	Joint government agency made up of all Participating States who is responsible for administering the compact

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.



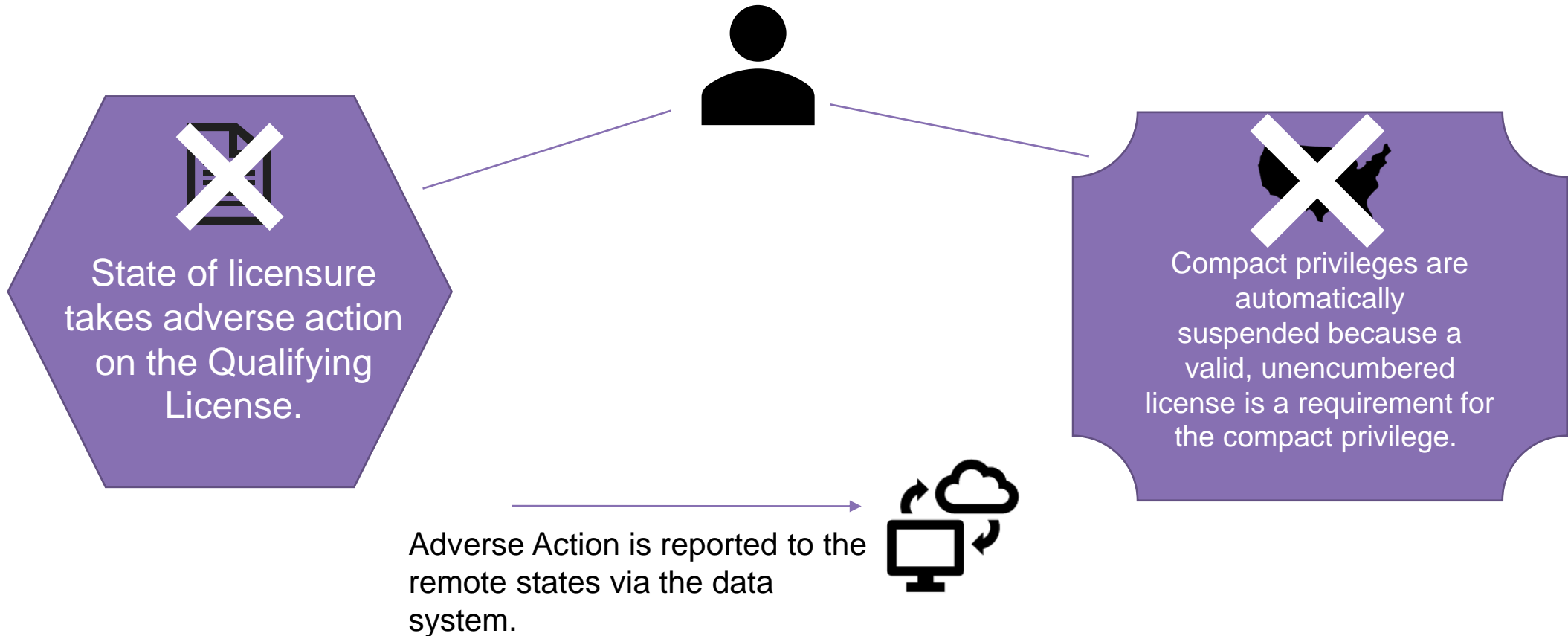
Preserves state sovereignty.



Increases collaboration among states.

Adverse Action


Practitioner violates practice act in state of licensure



Adverse Action

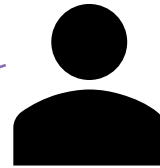
Practitioner violates practice act in a remote state

Remote state conducts investigation. Presence of significant investigative information is reported to the other remote state via the data system.




Remote state takes action on the compact privilege issued for their state.

Once Adverse Action occurs, compact privileges in other remote states are automatically suspended.



After final action is taken by Remote State, the licensee's state of licensure reviews investigatory information in data system and decides whether to act against the Qualifying License.

Adverse Action is reported to the participating states via the data system.



The Compact Commission



- Joint-government agency comprised of one representative from each member state
- Flexible tool used to facilitate the implementation of the compact
- Create workable procedures and standards to a level of detail not specified in the compact
- Rules are limited to the implementation of the compact
- Rules are limited to those licensees using the compact.
- Rules can be rejected if voted by majority of member state legislatures



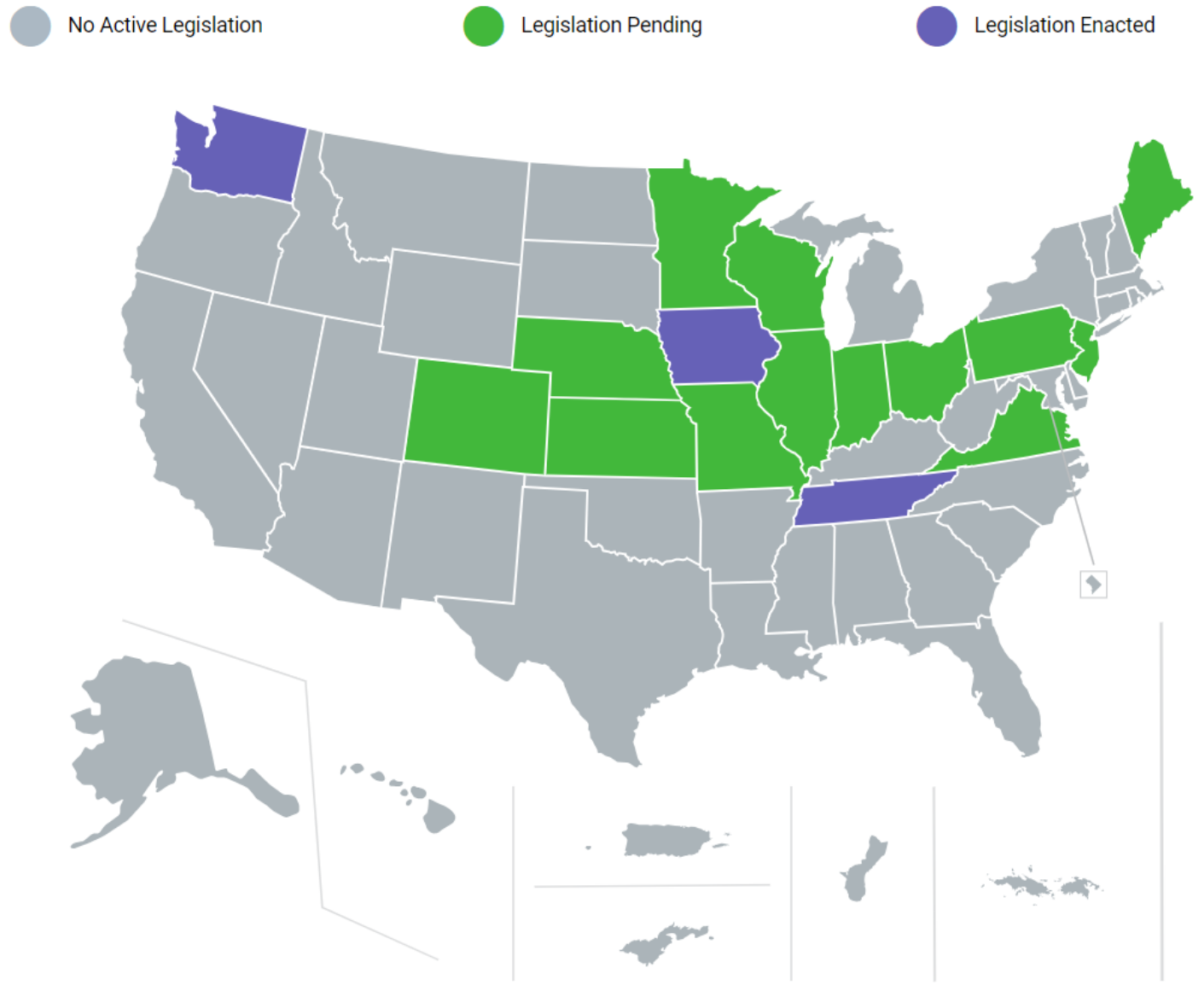
- Rules cannot apply to practitioners not seeking to practice via the compact.
- Rules cannot extend beyond the implementation of the compact

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 modeled after cosmetology)
- 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
- Compact will be active when **7** states enact it.



Compact Map





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