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The Council of Board Administrators was created by the FSBPT bylaws to provide its members a forum to share information relevant to board functions, regulatory practices, practice standards and issues, licensing processes and security, and enforcement issues in the practice of physical therapy. Membership is open to currently or formerly employed administrative staff personnel assisting our 53 Member Boards.



### **The connection between the PTLC and the ELDD**

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The Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (PTLC) activated in April 2017 after ten states passed legislation to join the Compact. The Compact Commission will likely begin to issue compact privileges early in 2018. In anticipation, I've implemented a process to continually update the Exam Licensure and Disciplinary Database (ELDD) for Arizona. I recommend other states spend time this summer setting themselves up to update the database on a recurring basis.

### **The connection between the PTLC, the states, and the ELDD**

The Compact is intended for licensees who have a "clean record" (i.e. no discipline). The Compact Commission is responsible for validating that an applicant doesn't have disciplinary actions against them before they issue a compact privilege.

As a licensing authority, each state is charged with disciplining individuals that violate provisions of their state's physical therapy practice act.

The primary purpose of the Licensure and Disciplinary portion of the ELDD is to alert the state when someone is disciplined by another board. The Commission will likely use the ELDD as its primary data system to identify where a person is licensed and if they have discipline.

**My state will participate in the Compact. What do we need to do?**

Your state will be required to update your ELDD data on a frequent (possibly weekly or daily) basis so your licensees will be verified as eligible to obtain a compact privilege. Take time this summer to update the ELDD and develop a system for keeping it up-to-date that aligns with your system for issuing new licenses or license renewals. Also consider licenses that lapse in this process.

**My state is not participating in the Compact. What do we need to do?**

Whether or not your state will participate in the Compact, by updating the ELDD in the same manner as those participating in the Compact, you increase transparency and information sharing that serves in protecting the public. More specifically, you will:

- Remove the ability for a PT or PTA to withhold information about discipline when s/he attempts to obtain a compact privilege
- Receive alerts if one of your PTs or PTAs is disciplined by another state
- Alert other states where the individual is licensed or applies for licensure of disciplinary actions your board has taken.

**Updating the ELDD**

The staff at the Federation is available to help you learn the ELDD and address questions you have about keeping your information current. I encourage you to reach out to staff as you develop your process.

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