



March 4, 2016

William A. Hatherill
Chief Executive Officer
Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy
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Dear Bill,

On behalf of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), I wish to congratulate you, along with the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and the Council of State Governments National Center for Interstate Compacts (CSG-NCIC), on the development and introduction of the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (PTLC). This significant milestone for the physical therapy profession will enhance license portability and improve access to health care for patients while ensuring the protection of the public.

The FSMB is pleased to offer its strong support and encouragement for the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact as state legislatures across the nation begin to formally consider its introduction and enactment. In accordance with the PTLC's goal to reduce licensure barriers, the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC) is also under consideration throughout the nation, seeking to implement a voluntary, expedited pathway for physician licensure.

While the PTLC and IMLC may have variations in functionality, each Compact meets the needs of their respective health profession and their regulators, and the goal for each remains the same – ensure patient safety and facilitate multi-state practice in a state-based regulatory system.

The FSMB welcomes the opportunity to work with your staff in support of the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact, and wishes you success as you embark on this historic endeavor.

Congratulations once again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Humayun J. Chaudhry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "H".

Humayun J. Chaudhry, DO, MACP
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