



Interstate Massage Compact

## Effect and Benefits

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### Effect

There are approximately 300,000 licensed massage therapists in the United States. Despite the high demand for massage therapy, licensees are limited to providing care within state borders. IMPact seeks to provide licensees with opportunities for multistate practice, support relocating military families, improve public safety and promote workforce development by reducing unnecessary licensure burdens.

### *Benefits for Massage Therapists*

- Facilitates mobility for licensees.
- Expands employment opportunities into new markets.
- Eases the burden of applying for and maintaining multiple licenses.
- Supports relocating military spouses and families.
- Improves continuity of care when massage therapists or clients relocate.

### *Benefits for State Massage Therapy Licensing Authorities*

- Reduces administrative burden.
- Creates a compact information system that supports the facilitation of licensure and discipline information for massage therapists.
- Expands cooperation among state licensure boards on investigations and disputes.
- Supports continuing public safety efforts in massage therapy.
- Allows regulators to retain jurisdiction over licensees practicing in their state.

### *Benefits for the State*

- Promotes workforce development and strengthens labor markets.
- Improves continuity of care when massage therapists or clients relocate.
- Enhances public safety through a shared interstate data system of licensure and disciplinary information, allowing for rapid verification of licensure status and cooperation among states.
- Preserves state sovereignty.