



COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION of New York State

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT
Interstate Medical Licensure Compact
A.4860 (Palmesano)/S.2216 (O'Mara)
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The Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANYS) is in strong support of A.4860 (Palmesano)/S.2216 (O'Mara) which would enact the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact and provide a streamlined process for physicians to be licensed in multiple participating states.

The Community Health Care Association of New York State ([CHCANYS](#)) is the statewide primary care association representing all federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), also known as community health centers (CHCs). CHCs serve more than 2.3 million New Yorkers at over 800 sites each year in health provider shortage areas (HPSAs) and disproportionately feel the strain of the health worker crisis due to a multitude of factors, including their difficulty in competing for providers with large healthcare systems, geographic location, complex patient populations, and financial challenges.

CHCANYS has consistently supported New York's participation in the interstate medical licensure compact as it will streamline licensure processes and increase the number of providers eligible to practice in New York State at a time when the supply of providers does not meet the demand of open positions. CHCs have long experienced workforce shortages, especially in primary care, increasing burnout rates and affecting workforce retainment in HSPAs. Further exacerbating the workforce shortage is the fact CHCs and other providers have long experienced administrative and regulatory hurdles to employing and licensing willing providers who come to New York from other states.

New York State joining the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact would help to address New York's workforce shortage issues and increase availability and access to high quality primary care and preventative care. States that participate in the Compact will streamline licensure by using an expedited process to share information that physicians have previously submitted in their state where they hold their license. Currently 39 states, including the District of Columbia and the Territory of Guam, already participate in the Compact with great success.

CHCANYS strongly urges the NYS Legislature to pass the A.4830 (Palmesano)/S.2216 (O'Mara) to allow New York State to join the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact which will help to alleviate New York's workforce shortages.

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