



LNHA State Regulatory Update: January 2019

Final Rule

Nurse Licensure Compact (LAC 48:I. Chapter 88)

[Act 577](#) of the 2018 Regular Session enacted La. R.S. 37:1018-1020 which directed the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to establish provisions governing the Nurse Licensure Compact, a multi-state compact for nurses to obtain multi-state license privileges in order to decrease redundancies in the consideration and issuance of nursing licenses. The compact would also provide an opportunity for interstate practice by nurses who meet LDH's uniform licensure requirements.

In accordance with the requirements of Act 577, LDH filed a Notice of Intent in the [October 2018](#) edition of the *Louisiana Register* and introduced rules governing the Nurse Licensure Compact. The proposed rule required all health care entities licensed and certified by the Health Standards Section of LDH to 1) register with the Nursys e-Notify System through the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) and 2) provide required nurse data for collection and aggregate data from employees on the number and geographic representation of registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical nurses/licensed vocational nurses (LPNs/LVNs) employed in Louisiana practicing pursuant to a multi-state license, as determined by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) and the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners (LSBPNE). "Nursing facilities" are included in the list of required health care entities which must participate.

Since its introduction in October, the proposed rules have been properly implemented through the administrative process. As such, the rules became final on January 20, 2019. The full text of the rules can be found [here](#) on page 45 of the PDF.

Questions

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