

December 14, 2020

Dan Logsdon
Director
National Center for Interstate Compacts
The Council of State Governments
1776 Avenue of the States
Lexington, KY 40511

Dear Mr. Logsdon:

On behalf of the Utah Occupational Therapy Association (UOTA), I write to express our strong support for the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact (OT Compact). UOTA is the state-level membership organization for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants in Utah, representing over 1,500 professionals statewide.

Much like the existing licensure compacts for nurses, physical therapists, physicians, psychologists and EMS personnel, the OT Compact will increase licensure portability while allowing member state regulatory boards to better protect consumers through enhanced sharing of licensure information. Existing interstate occupational and professional licensure compacts have been successful in reducing barriers for practitioners who wish to provide services in other states.

We recognize that the OT Compact will benefit Utah consumers, our UOTA members and the profession of Occupational Therapy in general by:

- Increasing access to OT services for clients;
- Enhancing mobility and employment opportunities for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants;
- Facilitating continuity of care when clients or practitioners relocate or travel to another state;
- Allowing military personnel and spouses to more easily maintain their certifications when relocating; and
- Preserving and strengthening the current system of state licensure.

Importantly, the OT Compact preserves each member state's authority to regulate the profession. Practitioners utilizing the OT Compact must abide by the laws and rules of the state in which they are practicing, including adhering to that state's scope of practice.

With these benefits in mind, UOTA is excited to endorse the OT Compact.

We look forward to supporting the OT Compact in Utah.

Sincerely,

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