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## Changes to Reciprocity Licensure for Certain Health Care Professionals Effective July 1, 2023

Indianapolis, IN – As of their effectiveness on Saturday, July 1, 2023, the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA) will administer and enforce changes to the requirements for reciprocity licensure that is available to certain health profession license types under Indiana Code § 25-1-21. These revised requirements have been enacted into state law by <a href="House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1460-2023">HEA 1460-2023</a> has made the following changes to reciprocity licensure under Indiana Code § 25-1-21:

- 1. Eliminates the provisional license/provisional certificate formerly available under Indiana Code § 25-1-21 and all applicable references.
- 2. As a condition/requirement of licensure, requires the applicant to submit a signed affidavit affirming, under the penalties for perjury, the following:
  - a. The individual is in good standing in all states and jurisdictions in which the individual holds a license or certificate for the occupation applied for.
  - b. The individual has not had a license, certificate, registration, or permit revoked and has not voluntarily surrendered a license, certificate, registration, or permit in another state or jurisdiction while under investigation for unprofessional conduct.
  - c. The individual has not had discipline imposed by the regulating agency for the occupation in another state or jurisdiction.
  - d. The individual does not have a complaint or an investigation pending before the regulating agency in another state or jurisdiction that relates to unprofessional conduct.
- 3. If an applicant's current license or certificate from **one** (1) **other state or jurisdiction** is verified by the Indiana licensing board (and the IPLA) and the applicant has meet the requirements in Indiana Code § 25-1-21-5 and Indiana Code § 25-1-21-6, the applicant shall be issued an Indiana license or certificate **not more than thirty (30) days** after all of the requirements are met.

4. Not later than the first renewal of the applicant's Indiana license or certificate, the applicant is required to provide verifications for any remaining licenses or certificates from other states or jurisdictions to the Indiana licensing board (and the IPLA). The remaining licenses or certificates from other states or jurisdictions must be verified to be in good standing by the Indiana licensing board (and the IPLA), for the applicant's Indiana license or certificate to be renewed.

As of July 1, 2023, an applicant will no longer have the ability to apply for a provisional license or provisional certificate through this method of licensure (reciprocity under Indiana Code § 25-1-21). However, for any applicant who holds an active provisional license or provisional certificate prior to July 1, 2023, the IPLA will continue to honor the effectiveness of the provisional licensure or provisional certificate, until the applicant has successfully satisfied all of the requirements for the unlimited license or unlimited certificate and the provisional license or provisional certificate is superseded by the unlimited license or unlimited certificate. Applicants who have held a provisional license or a provisional certificate and now already meet the new requirements for licensure will automatically be issued an unlimited license or unlimited certificate, with no further action required by the applicants.

Reciprocity licensure under Indiana Code § 25-1-21 is available to the health profession license types of all boards described in Indiana Code § 25-0.5-11, with the exception of the following license types:

- any type of social work license issued under Indiana Code § 25-23.6-5,
- any type of marriage and family therapist license issued under Indiana Code § 25-23.6-8,
- any type of mental health counselor license issued under Indiana Code § 25-23 6-8 5
- any type of addiction counselor or clinical addiction counselor license issued under Indiana Code § 25-23.6-10.5, and
- any type of respiratory care practitioner license issued under Indiana Code § 25-34.5.

Behavioral health license applicants should continue to pursue reciprocity licensure that is available to them under the applicable requirements of Indiana Code § 25-23.6, and respiratory care license applicants should continue to pursue endorsement licensure that is available to them under the applicable requirements of Indiana Code § 25-34.5.

Beginning July 1, 2026, the Indiana Medical Licensing Board may not issue a license under Indiana Code § 25-1-21 to an applicant seeking licensure as a physician under Indiana Code § 25-22.5, pursuant to Indiana Code § 25-1-21-11. Physicians may now also pursue interstate licensure through the <a href="Interstate Medical Licensure Compact">Interstate Medical Licensure Compact</a> in the state of Indiana.

Eligible applicants seeking licensure through reciprocity may apply for their license or certificate online at MyLicense.IN.gov. Updated guidance and directions for applying for

licensure through reciprocity will be provided on the web pages designated to the professions on the IPLA's <u>website</u>, under "Application Instructions." Questions may be directed to the IPLA's staff. Please visit the profession's designated web page for specific contact information.

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