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Policy 2022-A

Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice Policy

Intent

To clearly define the date for the term "Activation of the Compact".

Scope

This policy applies to, "No later than five years after activation of the Compact, requires a criminal background check of all applicants for initial licensure, including the use of the results of fingerprint or other biometric data checks compliant with the requirements of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the exception of federal employees who have suitability determination in accordance with US CFR §731.202 and submit documentation of such as promulgated in the rules of the Commission".

REPLICA legislation and respective individual state laws state that a criminal background check requirement is effective "five years after activation of the Compact – but current model legislation does not define the term "activation of the Compact".

Adopted Policy

The Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice adopts the policy establishing the activation date for the Compact as March 15, 2020, and setting a deadline of March 15, 2025, for each member state to be fully compliance with Section REPLICA Sec. 3 C. 4, the criminal background check requirement.

Rationale

Discussion resulted in a recommendation for this policy that States must be compliance with Section REPLICA Sec. 3 C. 4 and new member states onboarding to be on notice of the requirement to be full compliance. The operational functioning of the Compact lends itself to an activation or use of the Compact.

Related Policies and Procedures None.

References

Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (REPLICA) Model Language, https://www.emscompact.gov/resources/replica-model-legislation

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