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**NOTICE**

**TO:** Healthcare Stakeholders

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**SUBJECT:** Enhanced RN and LPN Endorsement Pathway via Multi-State Licensure

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DC Health is pleased to announce an enhanced endorsement pathway for Registered Nurses (RNs) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs).

Effective immediately, individuals who hold an active multi-state compact license, in good standing, may apply for licensure in the District of Columbia through an expedited endorsement process. While this new pathway leverages the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC), it is important to point out that the District of Columbia has *not* enacted the NLC. This initiative is intended to enhance the licensure experience for qualified RNs and LPNs seeking to practice in the District.

**Eligibility and Application Requirements:**
Applicants seeking licensure in the District of Columbia through this pathway must:

1. Apply for RN or LPN licensure by endorsement (Online Application Portal);
2. Provide proof of primary state of residence in a jurisdiction that is part of the NLC;
3. Hold an active, unencumbered multi-state license in good standing from their state of residence and provide verification of said license; and
4. Complete a criminal background check (CBC) and fingerprinting process specific to DC.

This new licensure pathway reflects our commitment to listening to the concerns and needs of the regulated community, ensuring a robust and responsive healthcare workforce, and maintaining consistent and high standards of public safety and professional accountability.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the Board of Nursing at (202) 724-8800 or via email at bon.dc@dc.gov.

Thank you for your continued support in promoting excellence in nursing practice across the District and beyond.

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