

# LICENSE PORTABILITY UPDATE

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## *Setting the Stage*

Uniform Application (UA) &  
Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS)





# INTRODUCTION



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## Overview

Introduction

License Portability

- *Definition*
- *Drivers*
- *Demographics*
- *Steps towards License Portability*

*Portability Enablers*

- *Uniform Application (UA)*
- *Federation Credentials Verification Services (FCVS)*
- *Expedited Licensure (EL)*

Grants

Conclusion

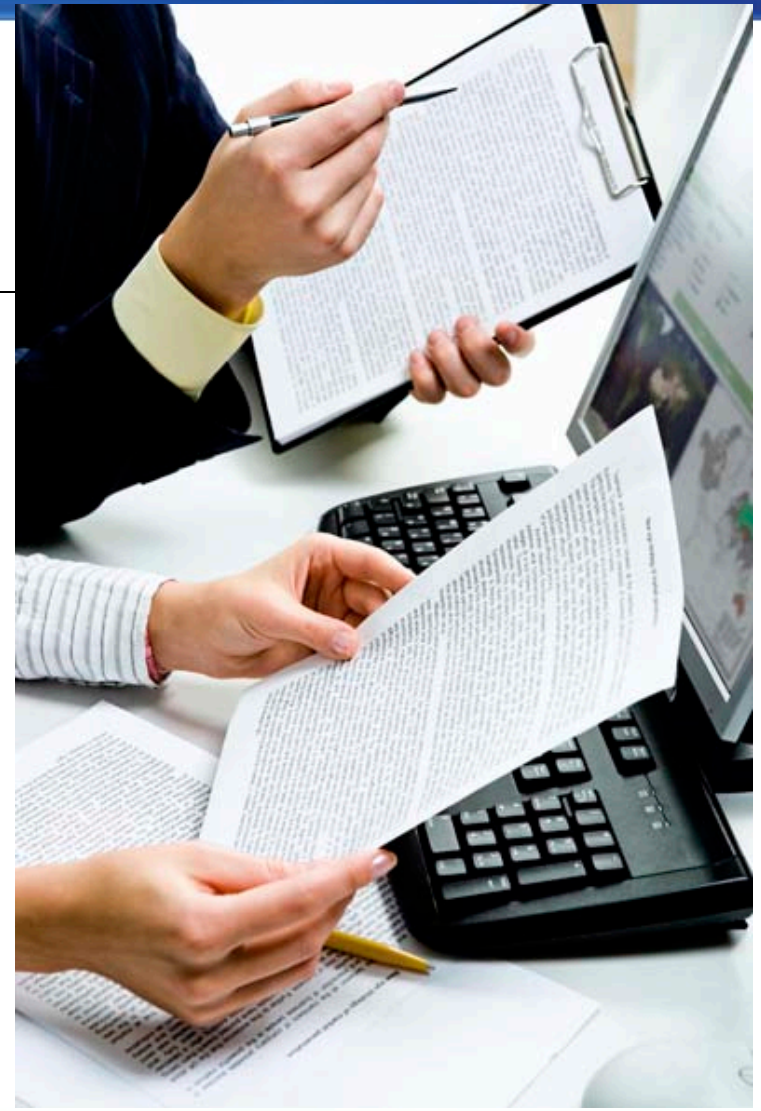


# LICENSE PORTABILITY



## What is *License Portability?*

A system of medical licensure that recognizes individual state and territorial jurisdiction while facilitating a process for obtaining and maintaining licenses in multiple states and territories.





## Drivers of License Portability

### National

- Healthcare Costs, Healthcare Reform, Federal Budget

### Regional

- Rural Healthcare, Specialty Shortages

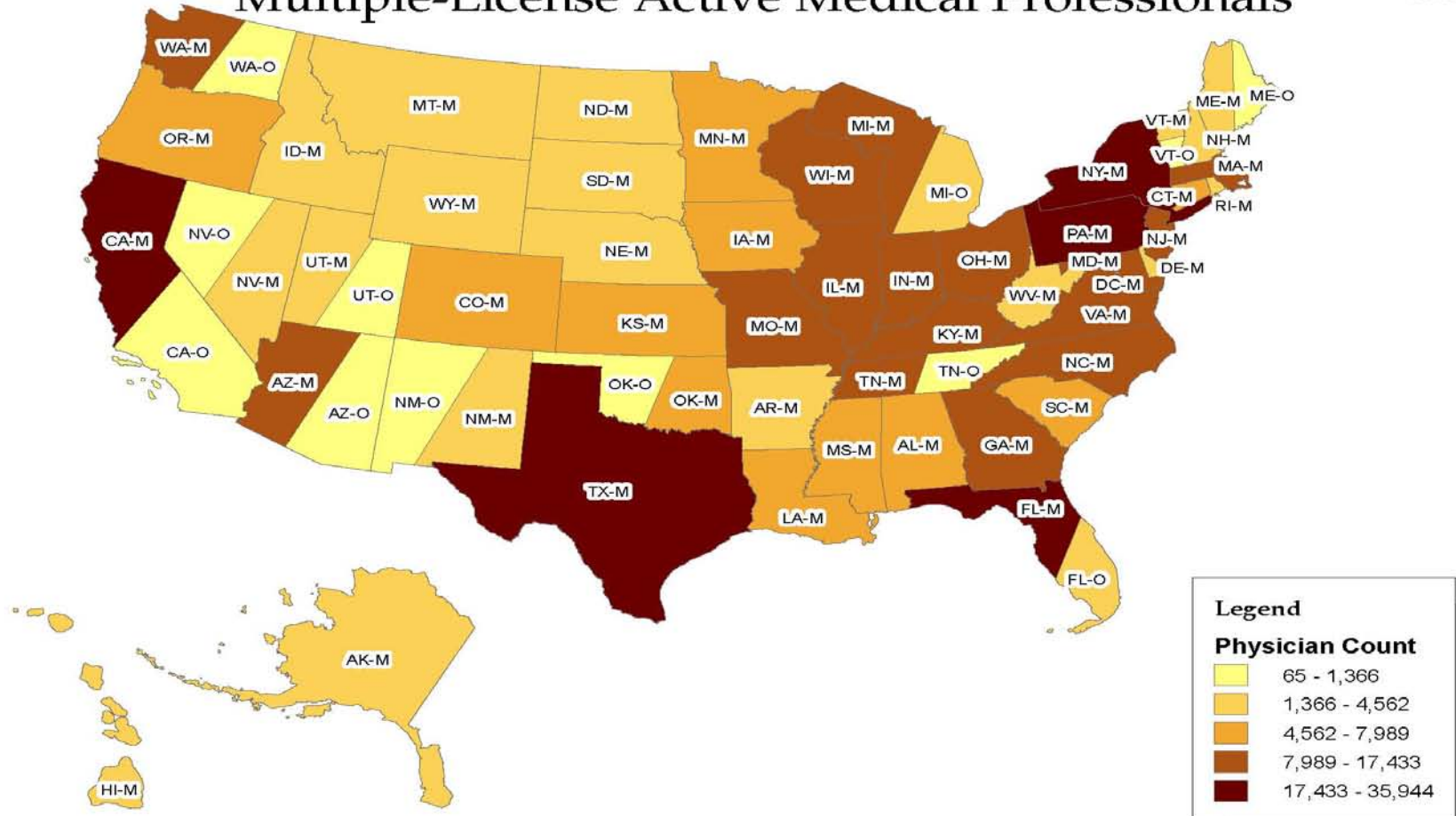
### Technology

- Telemedicine, Tele-pathology, Psychiatry



2010 FSMB Census

## Multiple-License Active Medical Professionals



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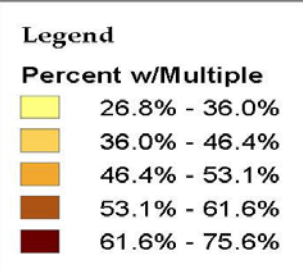
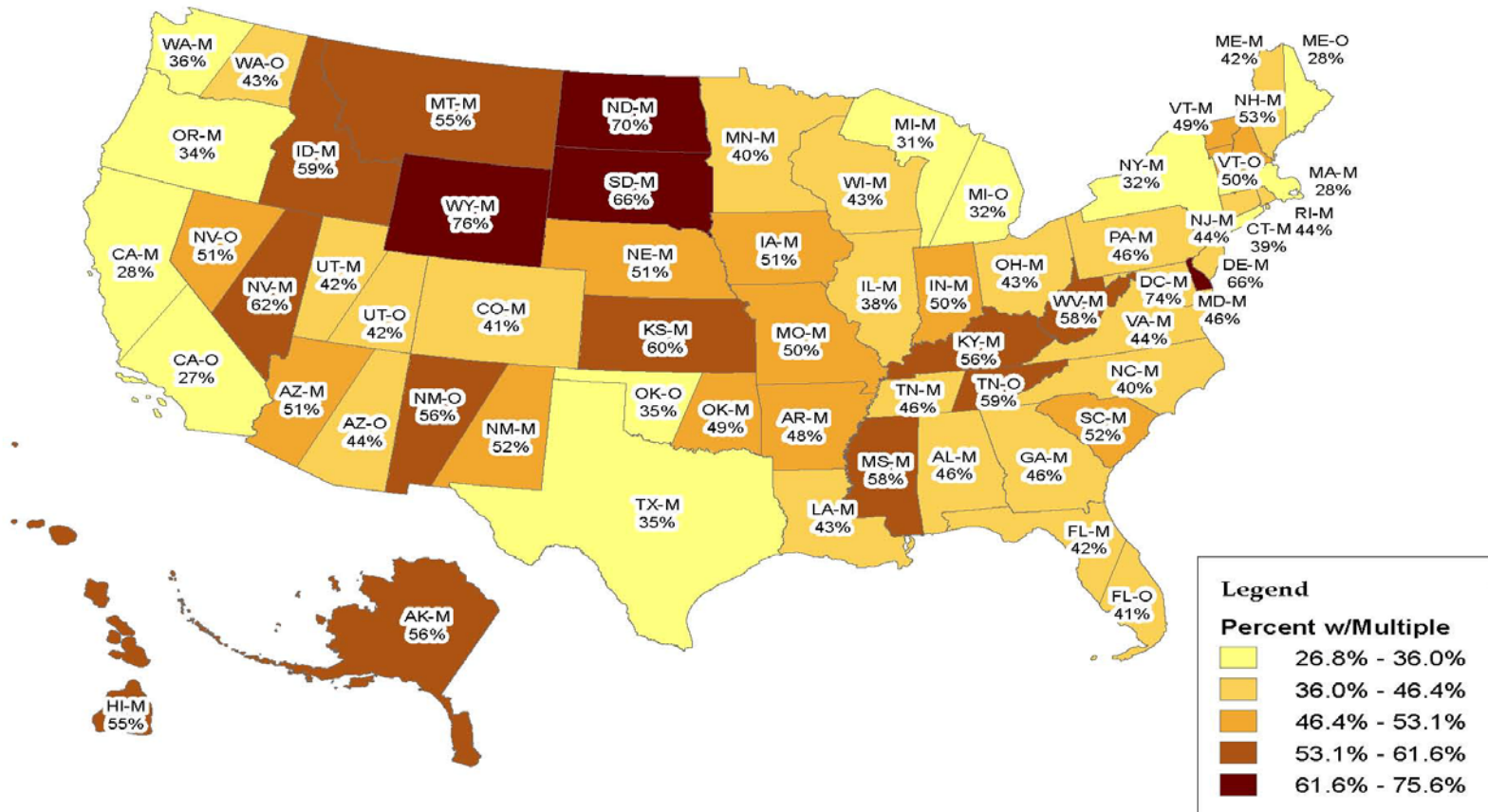
#### Physician Count

- 65 - 1,366
- 1,366 - 4,562
- 4,562 - 7,989
- 7,989 - 17,433
- 17,433 - 35,944

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Information Services



## Multiple-License Active Medical Professionals as Percentage of Total Active Medical Professionals





## Portability Enablers:

- Uniform Online Application (UA)
- Centralized Credentialing (FCVS)
- Expedited Licensure

**Bonded together with  
security and safety**





# UNIFORM APPLICATION (UA)

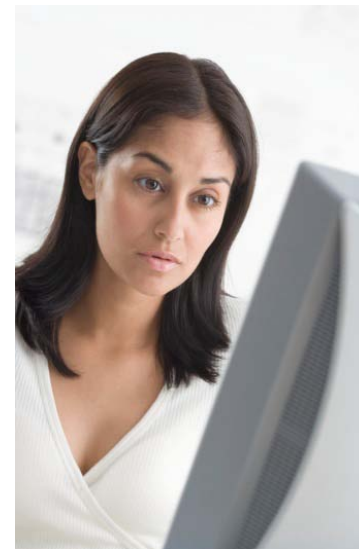


## What is the Uniform Application (UA)?

### CORE :

Captures **basic** questions of a state's license application

- Medical and Graduate Medical Education
- Licensure History
- Identification Data
- Possible Malpractice Claims
- Work Experience



### ADDENDUM:

Captures state **unique** questions and helps **maintain SMB autonomy**



## Accomplishments



- 18,600 completed online applications
- 12 boards utilizing the UA
- 5 boards to adopt the UA in the next quarter
- 5 boards received grant funds
- Dedicated UA service unit established
- Electronic addendum option added



## Benefits to State Board

UA lowers cost & saves time:

- Cost effective
- Simplifying data retrieval process
- Frees up licensing staff time
- Paperless office environment
- License & discipline reports available
- FSMB tech support





## Benefits to Physician

UA is Quick and Portable:

- 70% of applicant data pre-populated via FCVS
- UA – FCVS data transfer
- Reduce redundancy in Single & Multi-State Licensing
- Secure data repository
- FSMB customer support
- Easy to use online application





## Sample Screen



Uniform Application for Physician State Licensure



Navigation Options:  [Logout](#)

Welcome Christopher Fecarotta!

- State Instructions
- Personal Information
- Education & Certification
- Licensure & Employment
- Malpractice & Liability
- Forms & Affidavit
- Review & Submit

### Education & Certification - Medical School \* Indicates Required Field

List all medical schools you have attended, even those from which you did not graduate, in chronological order. If you are not using FCVS, you must complete the "Medical Education Verification" form and send it to all medical schools you have attended. You must include a copy of your diploma to which the medical school must attach their seal prior to forwarding it to the state board you are applying to for licensure. Additionally, the medical school must provide the board with an official copy of your transcripts. The medical school must forward all documentation directly to the board.

SCHOOL NAME	START	END	DEGREE	DEGREE DATE		
State University Of New York Syracuse College Of Medicine Binghamton	08/2003	06/2007	Doctor of Medicine	06/00/2007	EDIT	DEL

(Typing first few characters will enable search)

- \* School Name:
- \* Attendance Dates: From:
- \* Date Degree Conferred/Issued:
- \* Type of Degree:

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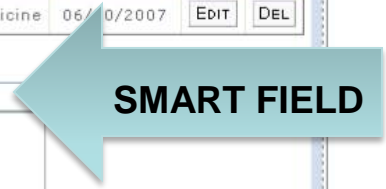
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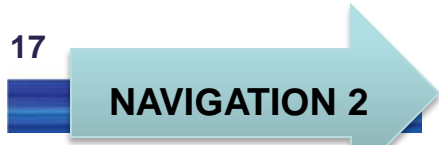
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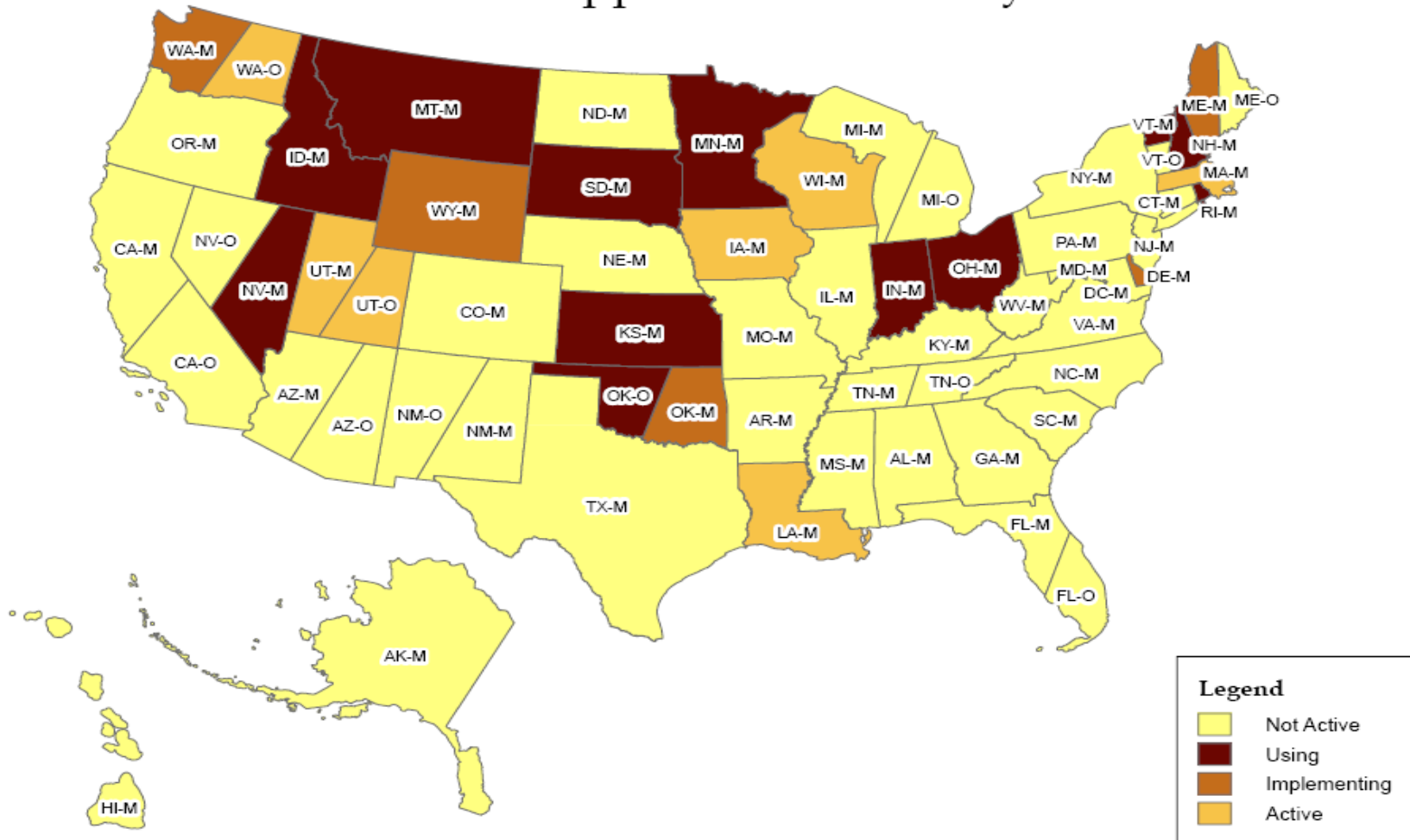
## UA User Boards

- **Idaho** State Board of Medicine
- Medical Licensing Board of **Indiana**
- **Kansas** State Board of Healing Arts
- **Montana** Board of Medical Examiners
- **Nevada** State Board of Medical Examiners
- **New Hampshire** Board of Medicine
- **Minnesota** Board of Medical Practice
- State Medical Board of **Ohio**
- **Oklahoma** State Board of Osteopathic Examiners
- **Rhode Island** Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline
- **South Dakota** Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners
- **Vermont** Board of Medical Practice



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## Uniform Application Status By Board



**Legend**

- Not Active
- Using
- Implementing
- Active

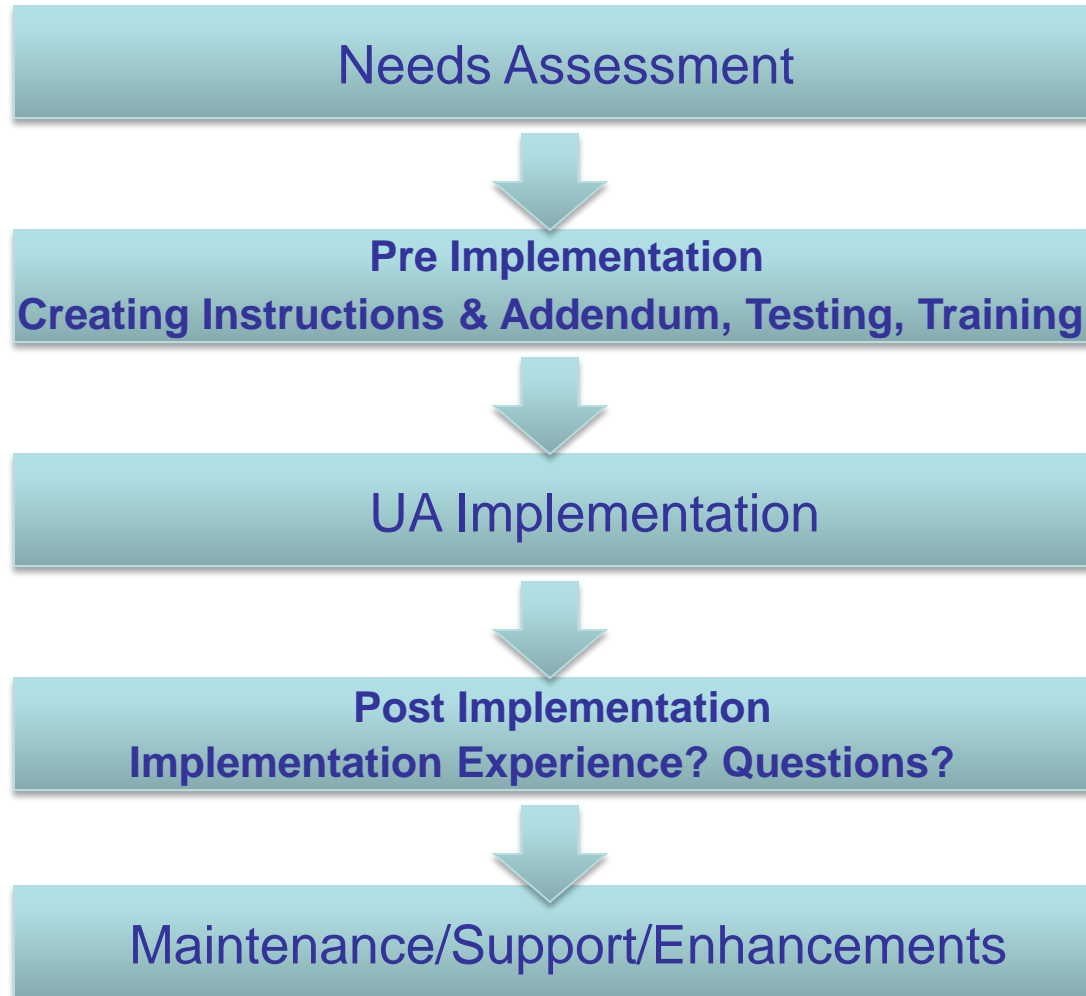


## States Adopting the UA

- **Delaware**
- **Iowa**          June 2011\*\*\*
- **Louisiana**
- **Maine**          May 2011\*\*\*
- **Massachusetts**
- **2x Utah**
- **2x Washington**
- **Wisconsin**
- **Wyoming**



## UA Implementation Process





## Learning from the Past- Planning for the Future

- Automated data feed (data-pull)
- Integration with licensing software vendors
- User interface enhancements
- Updated look and feel
- One-time \$50 applicant administrative charge
- Encouraging user feedback for improvement

**The Uniform Application is the key to  
License Portability!**





# FEDERATION CREDENTIALS VERIFICATION SERVICE (FCVS)



## FCVS Background

- FCVS primary-source verifies and stores core credentials
- Accepted by 63 of 69 state medical and osteopathic boards
- 14 year history
- FSMB has created a new credentialing verification service  
“Fast Track”
- FCVS provides Expedited Licensure for applicant and board



## Features of FCVS

- Primary Source Verification of:
  - Identity
  - Medical Education (includes ECFMG Certification, if appropriate for USMGs and IMGs)
  - Graduate Medical Education Training
  - Exam History
  - Board Action History
  - ABMS Board Certification
- Low cost (compared to other CVO's)
- Discrepancies identified and summarized
- Extensive data repository facilitates portability



## FCVS General Information

- Over 132,000 Medical Professionals Enrolled
- Annual Growth of 10%
- 25,000 Physician Profiles Completed in 2010
- Cycle Time Improvement
- Continuous Customer Service Training
- Pending NCQA Certification



## FCVS Fast Track Enhancements

- Work Processes
  - Work groups redesigned by stakeholder
    - Physician Services, Medical Education, GME, Exam, Profile Services, Offices Services
  - 100 staff placed in new roles via strategic management
  - Verifications performed simultaneously rather than separately
- Data Management
  - Database upgrades
  - Data conversion
  - GMEConnect® and MedEdConnect™ secure data transmissions
- Communication
  - SMB portals
  - Physician portal and activity notification
  - Metrics measured for customer service for continuous improvement



## FCVS Fast Track Implementation

- Went Live February 15, 2011
- First Application Completed in 71 Minutes
- Utilization from February 2011 – April 2011:
  - Applications Started = 4,700
  - Applications Submitted = 1,600
- 46 day cycle time for first profile completed



# EXPEDITED LICENSURE (EL)



## Who utilizes expedited licensing?

### Full Licensure

- Michigan – 16 years
- Nevada
- New Mexico
- Idaho
- Rhode Island
- Oregon
- Iowa
- North Carolina
- Texas \*\*

### Telemedicine

- Alabama-Special Purpose
- Minnesota
- Montana
- Nevada (Medical and Osteo)
- New Mexico (Medical)
- Tennessee (Medical and Osteo)
- Texas
- Oregon \*\*
- West Virginia



# GRANTS



## Grants

### HRSA Grant

- Supports: Programs enhancing License Portability
- Duration: 3 years  
2 funded, 1 applied
- Lessons learned from LP1 -> focus now on UA

### ARRA Grant

- Supports: Job recovery
- Duration: 2 years
- UA Coordinator, 2 IT Developers/Support Positions



# SUMMARY



## Summary

- Effective License Portability is key to future of state based licensure – Reduce redundancy
- Benefits of portability are significant
- Three elements contribute to portability
  1. Uniform Online Application
  2. Centralized Credentialing
  3. Expedited Licensure

**Talk to your Federation about services offered that will reduce redundancy and enhance portability!**



# Thank you! Questions?



Please visit our presentation booth in the foyer during FSMB Annual Meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

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