# Request for Information (RFI):

PA Compact Data System
PA Compact Commission
1.31.25

#### 1. RFI Overview

The PA Compact Commission is in need of a data system to operationalize the PA Compact. In preparation, the PA Compact Commission is seeking information about what technology solutions may currently exist and what information might be needed from potential vendors in any subsequent Request for Proposals.

Please note that this Request for Information (RFI) is for informational purposes only, and no contract will be awarded as a result. A firm or organization's response to the RFI—or lack thereof—will have no impact on the evaluation of responses if any subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP) released. Responses will be used solely for information and planning purposes.

Please note that all responses will be public record. **Do not submit confidential information in your response.** 

#### 1.1. RFI Contact

We have designated the following individual to serve as the official point of contact for this RFI on behalf of the PA Compact Commission.

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#### 1.2. Submission Details

Please submit your responses to this RFI via email to the RFI point of contact before the due date identified in Section 1.3. When submitting your response, please include the email subject line "RFI PA Compact Data System." Information provided should total no more than 5 pages. Respondents may include additional attachments with their response document.

If you have any questions about this RFI, please direct them to the RFI contact during the appropriate period identified below in Section 1.3.

#### 1.3. RFI Timeline

Please review the below RFI timeline. Dates may be modified or amended by the PA Compact Commission, which will post an amendment to this RFI notifying prospective respondents of any change.

RFI Released: 1/31/25

Deadline for Questions: 2/14/25

• Responses Due: 2/28/25

## 2. Background Information

#### 2.1. Goals and Outcomes

The PA Compact Commission is responsible for the development, operations, and maintenance of a shared data system between compact member states. The data system will be responsible for exchanging information on licensee eligibility and disciplinary information as well as facilitating the issuance of compact authorizations to practice. The PA Compact Commission is seeking information about available component solutions that may leverage existing data sets and/or software technology to meet the needs of a compact data system as well as information that might be helpful in constructing a prospective RFP for the data system. See Appendix 4.2: Section 8. Data System.

## 2.2. Background

The PA Compact is an occupational licensure compact that facilitates multi-state practice among physician assistants/associates. States join the compact by enacting the PA Compact model legislation. The PA Compact reached its activation threshold of 7 states in 2024 and has since convened the PA Compact Commission to operationalize the compact. The Compact Commission is a joint government agency comprised of the compact member states that is responsible for the administration of the compact. The compact data system is a foundational component of compact operationalization and is defined further in the model compact legislation.

## 3. Information Requested

## 3.1. Who We're Looking For:

The PA Compact Commission is especially interested in hearing feedback on this proposed project from other licensure compact commissions, physician assistant/associate organizations, organizations of medical boards, and vendors familiar with providing technology solutions to government agencies.

## 3.2. What We're Looking For:

Respondents are invited to provide information on the following subjects of interest the PA Compact Commission. Information provided should total no more than 5 pages. Respondents may include additional attachments with their response document. The questions below are optional, RFI responses will be accepted if any of the following questions are answered:

- Provide relevant background information about your organization and prior work experience or products you offer related to our needs.
- How are licensure boards currently exchanging data?
- What existing data sets should the compact commission consider leveraging for its system?
- What innovative strategies have you or your organization seen other state or compact commissions employ to create a joint government data system?
- What information would be helpful to your organization to include in any subsequent Request for Proposals?

### 4. Appendix

## 4.1 PA Compact Links

PA Compact Legislation: https://www.pacompact.org/model-legislation/

PA Compact Website: <a href="https://www.pacompact.org/">https://www.pacompact.org/</a>

## 4.2 <u>Section 8. Data System</u>

- A. The Commission shall provide for the development, maintenance, operation, and utilization of a coordinated data and reporting system containing licensure, Adverse Action, and the reporting of the existence of Significant Investigative Information on all licensed PAs and applicants denied a License in Participating States.
- B. Notwithstanding any other State law to the contrary, a Participating State shall submit a uniform data set to the Data System on all PAs to whom this Compact is applicable (utilizing a unique identifier) as required by the Rules of the Commission, including:
  - 1. Identifying information;
  - 2. Licensure data;
  - 3. Adverse Actions against a License or Compact Privilege:

- 4. Any denial of application for licensure, and the reason(s) for such denial (excluding the reporting of any Criminal history record information where prohibited by law);
- 5. The existence of Significant Investigative Information; and
- 6. Other information that may facilitate the administration of this Compact, as determined by the Rules of the Commission.
- C. Significant Investigative Information pertaining to a Licensee in any Participating State shall only be available to other Participating States.
- D. The Commission shall promptly notify all Participating States of any Adverse Action taken against a Licensee or an individual applying for a License that has been reported to it. This Adverse Action information shall be available to any other Participating State.
- E. Participating States contributing information to the Data System may, in accordance with State or federal law, designate information that may not be shared with the public without the express permission of the contributing State. Notwithstanding any such designation, such information shall be reported to the Commission through the Data System.
- F. Any information submitted to the Data System that is subsequently expunged pursuant to federal law or the laws of the Participating State contributing the information shall be removed from the Data System upon reporting of such by the Participating State to the Commission.
- G. The records and information provided to a Participating State pursuant to this Compact or through the Data System, when certified by the Commission or an agent thereof, shall constitute the authenticated business records of the Commission, and shall be entitled to any associated hearsay exception in any relevant judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative proceedings in a Participating State.