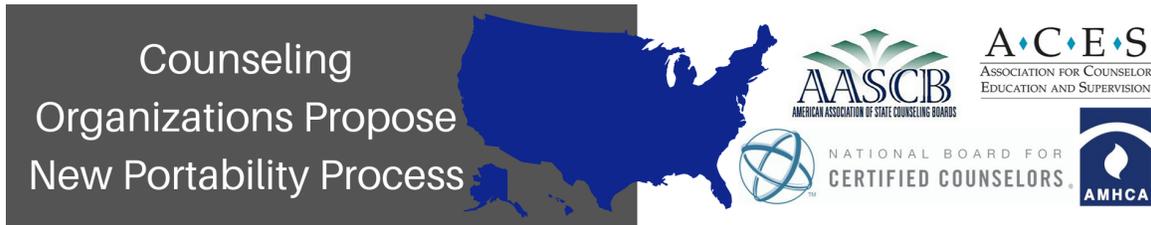


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Dear AMHCA Family,

As you all know, the portability of our license is imperative given the increasingly mobile workforce and expansion of tele-health practices. AMHCA has been an advocacy leader on this issue by convening the National Portability Task Force that included various stakeholders from NBCC, AASCB and ACES. The work of this Task Force has spanned several years, included multiple presidents of each association, and resulted in the National Counselor Licensure Endorsement Process (NCLEP) 1.0 in April of 2017. However, the work continued.

The Task Force continued to collect data, work with state licensure boards, and listen to feedback from our membership to craft a plan that could, as best as possible, meet the needs of all parties. After much deliberation, I am very pleased to announce that our joint efforts with AASCB, NBCC and ACES have resulted in a revised licensure portability process called [NCLEP 2.0](https://www.amhca.org/advocacy/portability) (<https://www.amhca.org/advocacy/portability>). The Provisions were released this morning through [PRNewswire](#) but I wanted you to also get a personal note from me.

One question that guided my participation in this process was – how can we increase access and mobility while upholding standards and protecting the public?

As you can guess, there are many answers to this question. Although my ideal answer to this question might differ, I was recently reminded by a mentor to not let perfect be the enemy of good. With that spirit, I believe that [NCLEP 2.0](https://www.amhca.org/advocacy/portability) is an example of what can happen when multiple stakeholders come together, debate, compromise, and build consensus.

Any portability plan will have to be enacted through state law or regulation, and I believe [NCLEP 2.0](https://www.amhca.org/advocacy/portability) establishes a set of criteria built on sound principles of quality assurance, national standards, and public

protections that can guide state officials as they consider policy to increase the mental health workforce and meet the needs of their citizens.

I also want to say that I am very proud of AMHCA members for participating in this process by providing myself and Joel with feedback regarding some crucial elements of the plan. As was expected, we have many opinions among our members. Despite these differences, your feedback helped increase grandparenting provisions and postpone CACREP-only language until 2025.

I commend the efforts of NBCC, AASCB and ACES for collaborating with us on [NCLEP 2.0](#), as it demonstrates progress towards professional unification and portability of licensure. It has been the long-standing goal of AMHCA to seek consistently high standards among credentials for clinical mental health counselors so that our profession may benefit by achieving status equivalent to other practitioners in federally funded programs and gain license portability among states.

I also commend the progress of other groups like the American Counseling Association for their efforts towards an interstate compact model. I believe that the enhanced endorsement recommendations provided by [NCLEP 2.0](#) will aid in the development of interstate compacts and be a complementary pathway towards the ultimate goal of a more portable license and expanded practice privileges.

Be Well,

Eric Beeson

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