

FSMB: Approaches explored for expediting multi-state licenses

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The FSMB, a national non-profit organization representing the 70 medical boards within the United States and its territories, together with Administrators in Medicine, a national organization for state medical board executives, explored novel mechanisms to streamline current licensing processes for physicians and to accommodate the use of



telemedicine and multi-state <u>health care provider</u> organizations in <u>health</u> <u>care delivery</u>.

The speakers addressed the new opportunities and challenges for statebased medical licensure that have resulted from emerging medical technologies. State medical board representatives provided overviews of their work and suggested new mechanisms to accelerate licensure and enhance access to <u>telemedicine</u>.

"The level of dialogue in exploring new approaches to streamline medical licensing processes was outstanding," Lance Talmage, M.D., the chair of the FSMB, said in a statement. "State medical boards continue to build on <u>momentum</u> achieved in recent years to develop a robust system that makes it easier for physicians to get licensed in multiple states, while ensuring the safety and security of patients."

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