



WMC Compact & Telehealth Experience

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Disclosures

- No financial conflicts to declare. Here in my professional capacity.
- No organizational conflicts to declare. Active participant in regulatory groups focusing on best practices, telehealth and AI policy.
- Primary author of WMC Telehealth & Continuity of Care Policy
 - FSMB
 - Uniform Laws Commission

WMC Composition



Physician

Physician Assistant

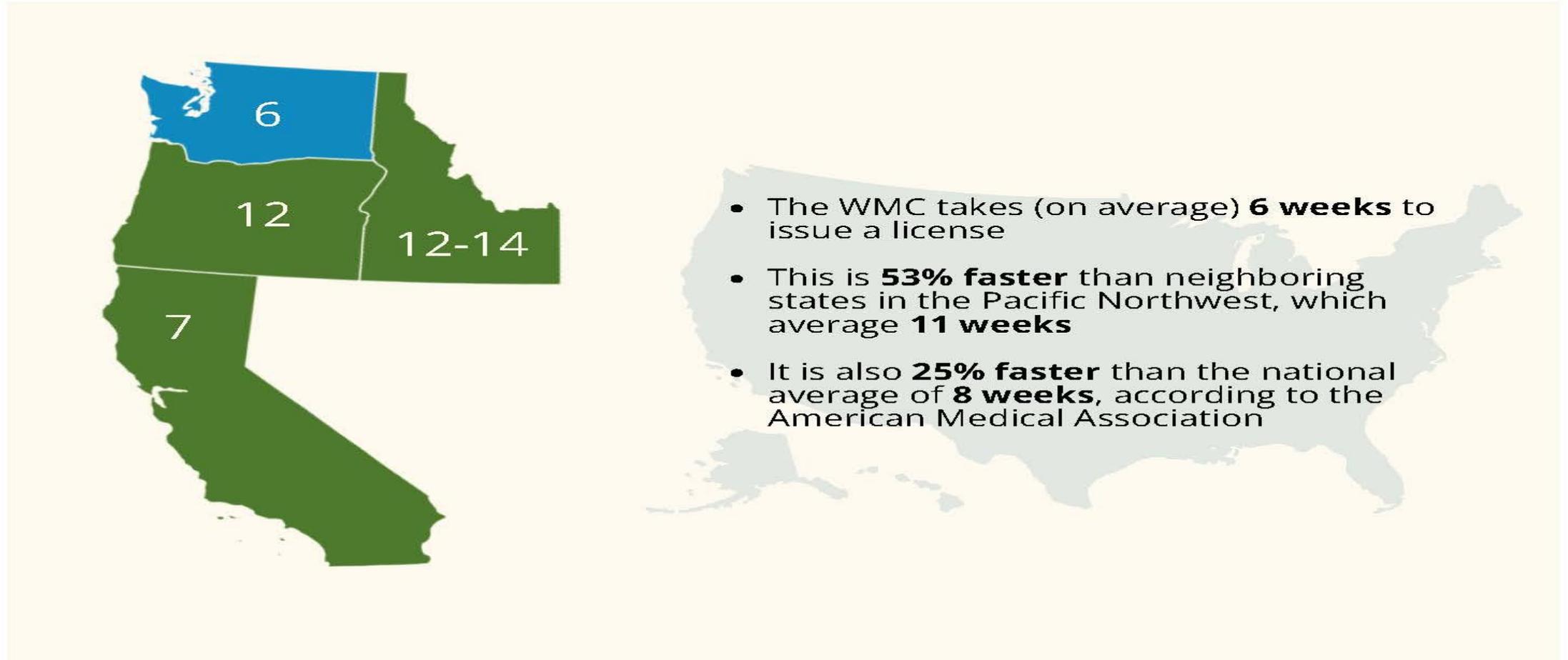
Public Member



Learning Objectives

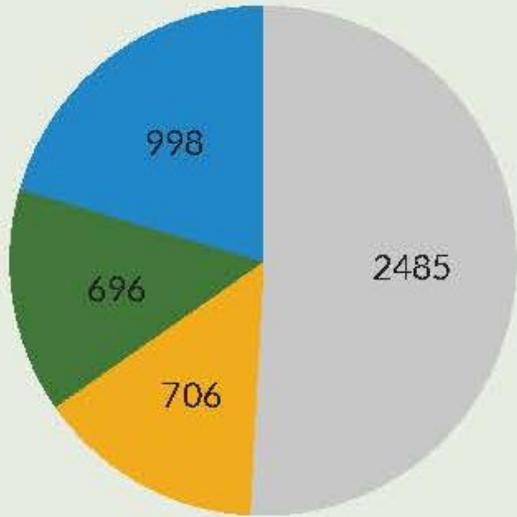
- WMCs Experience as a Compact Member State
- Washington Experience with Shield Laws
- Telemedicine/Practice Registries

WMC Licensing Background



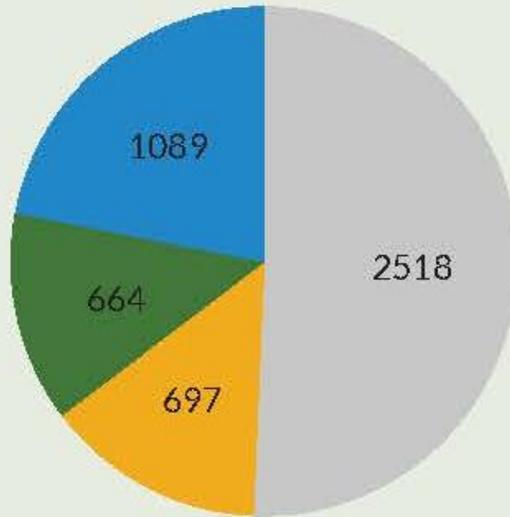
Applications Received

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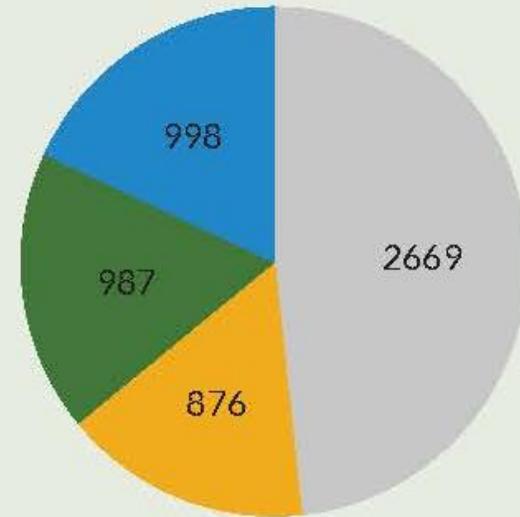
- MD (50.87%)
- PA (14.45%)
- Limited MD (14.25%)
- IMLC (20.43%)

FY24



- MD (50.68%)
- PA (14.03%)
- Limited MD (13.37%)
- IMLC (21.92%)

FY25



- MD (48.26%)
- PA (15.84%)
- Limited MD (17.85%)
- IMLC (18.05%)

Background-Compact

- WMC Introduced Compact in 2016, passed 2017
 - Underestimation of use
 - Result=extra \$\$\$
 - Did not start issuing LOQs until 2018 (IT issue)
- Pandemic
 - VHCP Act
 - Conversion

Mass. Compact Questions

- Has the Compact improved access?
 - Rural/underserved?
 - Others?
 - Oregon and California
- Alternative licensing models
 - Clinical Experience (IMGs)
 - Reciprocity
 - Regional Regulation Concept

Shield Laws

- WA 2023 legislation
 - Prohibits the WMC (and others) from denying a license due to action on “Covered Services” that occurred in another state unless the standard of care was violated.
 - Prohibits WMC from taking discipline related to a covered service that occurred in another state unless the standard of care was violated.
 - Subpoena requirements:
 - Attestation
 - Submit to WA Court Jurisdiction
 - Fines

Registries

- Local access and control-regional or national reach
- Common internationally
- Biggest issues:
 - Access and removal standards
 - Legal structure to stand them up
 - National, regional, affiliated models, specialty (rare disease/transplant).



Thank You

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