

1. **The Client is Protected.** The Compact dictates that the practice of professional counseling takes place in the state where the client is located at the time treatment is rendered, regardless of whether it is in-person or via telehealth. The scope of practice as defined in that states laws and regulations must be followed.
2. **The Licensed Professional Counselor is Protected.** The licensed professional counselor must be licensed in their home state with the privilege to practice in the Compact member state where the client is located at the time treatment is rendered and/or receiving care. A licensed professional counselor utilizing the Compact must determine the location of the client at the time services are rendered in order to ascertain the applicable scope of practice (as defined in state law and regulation) to follow. By enacting the Compact, the member states have also agreed that the applicable scope of practice (as defined by state law and regulation) is where the client is located at the time services/treatment are/is rendered and may not seek to simultaneously apply another states scope of practice.
3. **The State is protected.** The Compact language requires that each licensed professional counselor utilizing the Compact to provide services in a member state are obligated to comply with the applicable scope of practice as defined in state law and regulation when treating clients in that state. Each state has the sole authority over the scope of practice of professional counseling within its borders as established by legislative enactment and governed by the state licensing board including the disciplinary processes. The principles of professional counseling portability and sovereignty of each member state's applicable laws and regulations governing professional counselors remains unchanged.