

Draft Rule on Consistent Credentialing

Title of Rule: Rule on Consistent Credentialing

Vote on Rule: TBD

Public Comment: Interested persons may electronically submit written comments on the proposed rule to gsearls@clear-ams.org with the subject line “Counseling Compact Commission Rule Comment” or by attending the meeting at which the rule will be discussed and voted on. Written comments on the proposed rule must be submitted by **April 1, 2026, 11:59 p.m. MT.**

Effective: TBD (30 days after Full Commission approval)

History: January 22, 2026 Rule introduced at Rules Committee Meeting.
January 22, 2026 Rule approved by Committee to send to Executive Committee.
February 4, 2026 Rule adopted by the Executive Committee
February 16, 2026 Rule posted to the website for public comment

Chapter 9: Rule on Consistent Credentialing

Authority: Section 9: Establishment of the Counseling Compact Commission
Section 11: Rulemaking

Definitions:

“Licensed Professional Counselor” means a counselor licensed by a Member State, regardless of the title used by that State, to independently assess, diagnose, and treat behavioral health conditions.

“Member State” means a State that has enacted the Compact

“Remote State” means a Member State other than the Home State, where a Licensee is exercising the Privilege to Practice.

9.0 Purpose: Pursuant to Section 2.O, Section 2.S, Section 4, and Section 10:

- A. To amplify definitions existing in the Model Compact and to enhance public protection by requiring compact participants to utilize a Privilege to Practice (PTP) designation when they are practicing pursuant to that PTP authorization. This designation seeks to distinguish between a single-state license and the PTP granted through the Compact.

- B. Licensed Professional Counselor means a counselor licensed by a Member State, regardless of the title used by that State, to independently assess, diagnose, and treat behavioral health conditions.
- C. Privilege to Practice means a legal authorization, which is equivalent to a license, permitting the practice of Professional Counseling in a Remote State.

9.1 Consistent Credentialing

- A. A licensee participating in the Counseling Compact and holding privileges in other member states shall use the abbreviation of CC-LPC-XX to designate their ability to practice under the Compact.
- B. The abbreviation is short for Counseling Compact - Licensed Professional Counselor - the two-letter state abbreviation of the Remote State.
- C. The abbreviated credential must be used when practicing in the remote state when the actual license number is not provided.
- D. The abbreviated credential may be used in any professional communications, signatures, social media, or other documents in lieu of the actual privilege number when indicating their ability to practice.
- E. The Privilege to Practice is a legal authorization, which is equivalent to a license, permitting the practice of Professional Counseling in a Remote State.