

LFC Requester:

AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 1/9/26 **Bill Number:** HB0031 **Original** **Amendment** **Substitute**
Short Title: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL LICENSURE INTERSTATE COMPACT

Sponsor: Rep. Matthews

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
\$0.0	\$0.0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	NA	No impact

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: HB412 or the Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Compact establishes an interstate agreement that allows EMS personnel to practice across state lines with a single home state license. The compact aims to enhance public access to emergency medical services, improve care quality, and promote cooperation among member states. Key features include provisions for home state licensure, compact privileges for practice in remote states, expedited licensure for veterans, and the establishment of an interstate commission to oversee implementation and compliance.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

See Significant Issues below.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HCA has committed to pursuing an EMS compact in our application for the federal Rural Health Transformation Program administered through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). **If the State of New Mexico does not succeed in enacting an EMS compact during the 2026 legislative session, there is the potential for clawback of funding from CMS (the timing and amount of funding tied to any potential clawback are unclear). The HCA received \$211.5M in federal funding for Year 1 of the Rural Health Transformation Program, and some portion of this funding could be at risk if this compact bill does not pass.**

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

This compact may streamline the process for out-of-state provider enrollment. This would expand reciprocity defined in this section by allowing EMS to provide service across state lines with a home state license rather than applying for reciprocity. This could increase access to emergency services across state lines. Providers from compact member states would be required to enroll as a NM Medicaid provider and follow all applicable provider requirements in order to be reimbursed.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None for the HCA.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

This bill relates to several health care provider compact bills that are under consideration during the 2026 Legislative Session.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None for the HCA.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None for the HCA.

ALTERNATIVES

None suggested.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The consequence of not passing this legislation is the potential clawback from CMS of Rural Health Transformation Program funds. The plan to pursue healthcare worker compacts helped NM HCA scoring for the RHT award. New Mexico was awarded \$211 million for calendar year 2026. It is unclear what proportion of the award would be recouped from CMS.

AMENDMENTS

None.