

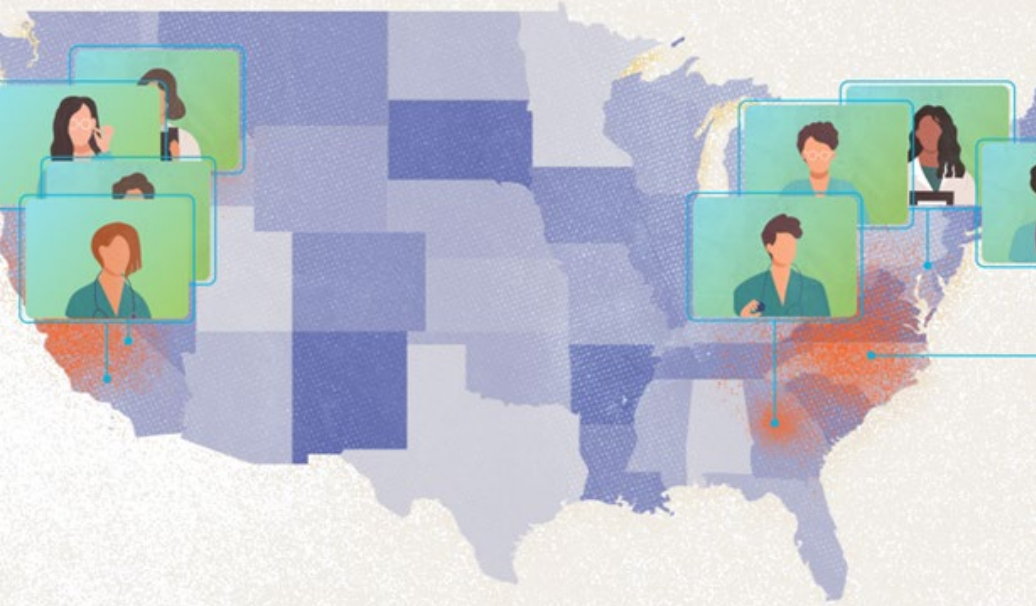
ProviderBridge

Mobilizing the Healthcare Workforce for Emergencies

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HEALTHCARE
PROFESSIONALS

What is Provider Bridge?

- A free medical provider credentials verification platform
- Up-to-the-minute
- Nationwide



Provider Bridge Background

- Developed during COVID-19
 - In response to physicians flooding into other states to help (NY...)
 - Funded through CARES and HRSA grants
- Updated in 2023 to address disasters, emergencies, public health needs
- Made possible by grant funding through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) under the Licensure Portability Program (H1MRH24097).

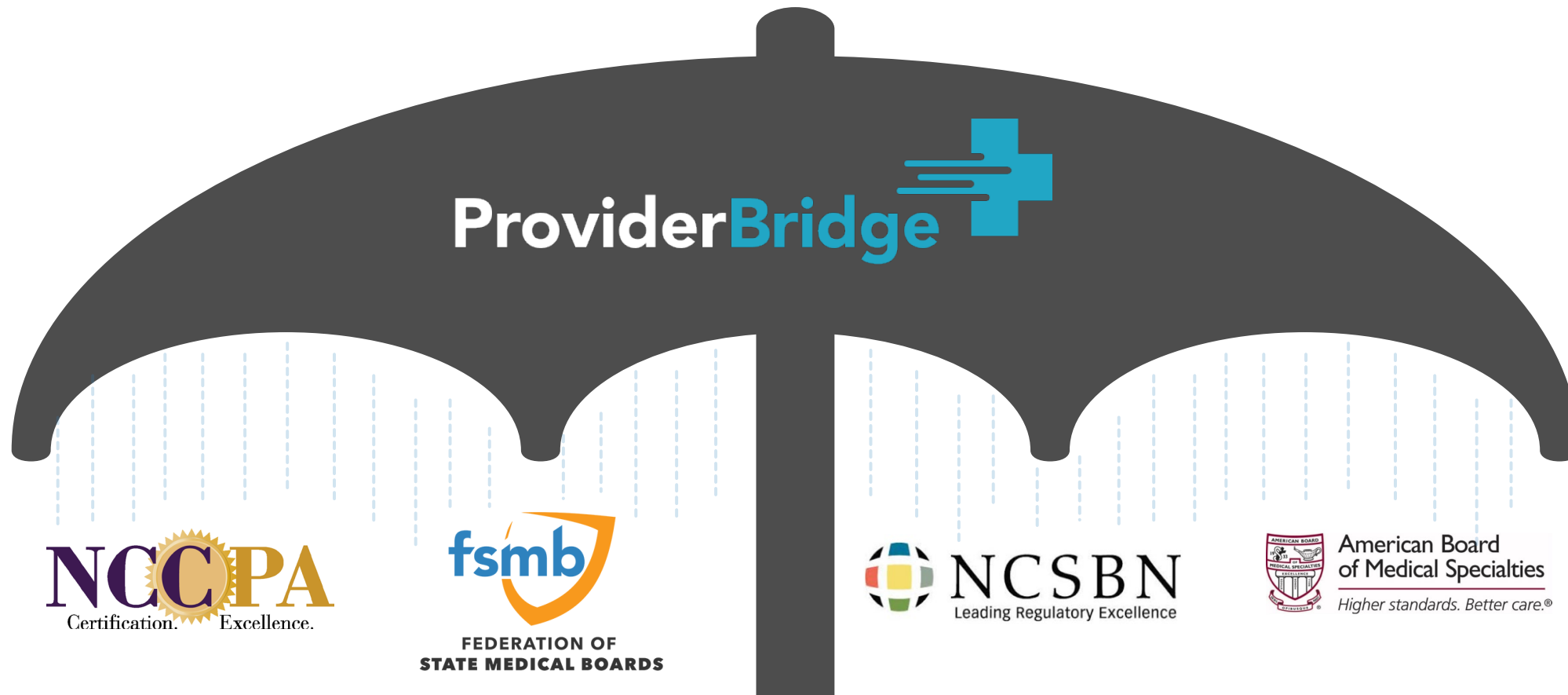
Why is Provider Bridge Needed?

- In 2023, the U.S. experienced 25 disasters, including the Maui wildfire and hurricane Idalia in Florida.
- 67 Million Americans live in medically underserved rural, tribal, or geographically isolated communities.
- Qualified medical providers are critical to effective management of emergencies, disasters, and urgent health needs.

Examples of How Provider Bridge Could Help

- Ex) Rural physician with large population of opioid dependent patients. Physician dies suddenly or is barred by the DEA from prescribing. How handle those patients?
 - Entity logs into Provider Bridge, searches for primary care or pain management providers who are licensed in that state and can help in the interim while the patients' care is transitioned.
- Ex) Active shooter situation in a hospital ER. Over the following few weeks, staffing is down 70%.
 - Hospital searches Provider Bridge for ER providers who could come work urgently until the staffing is managed.





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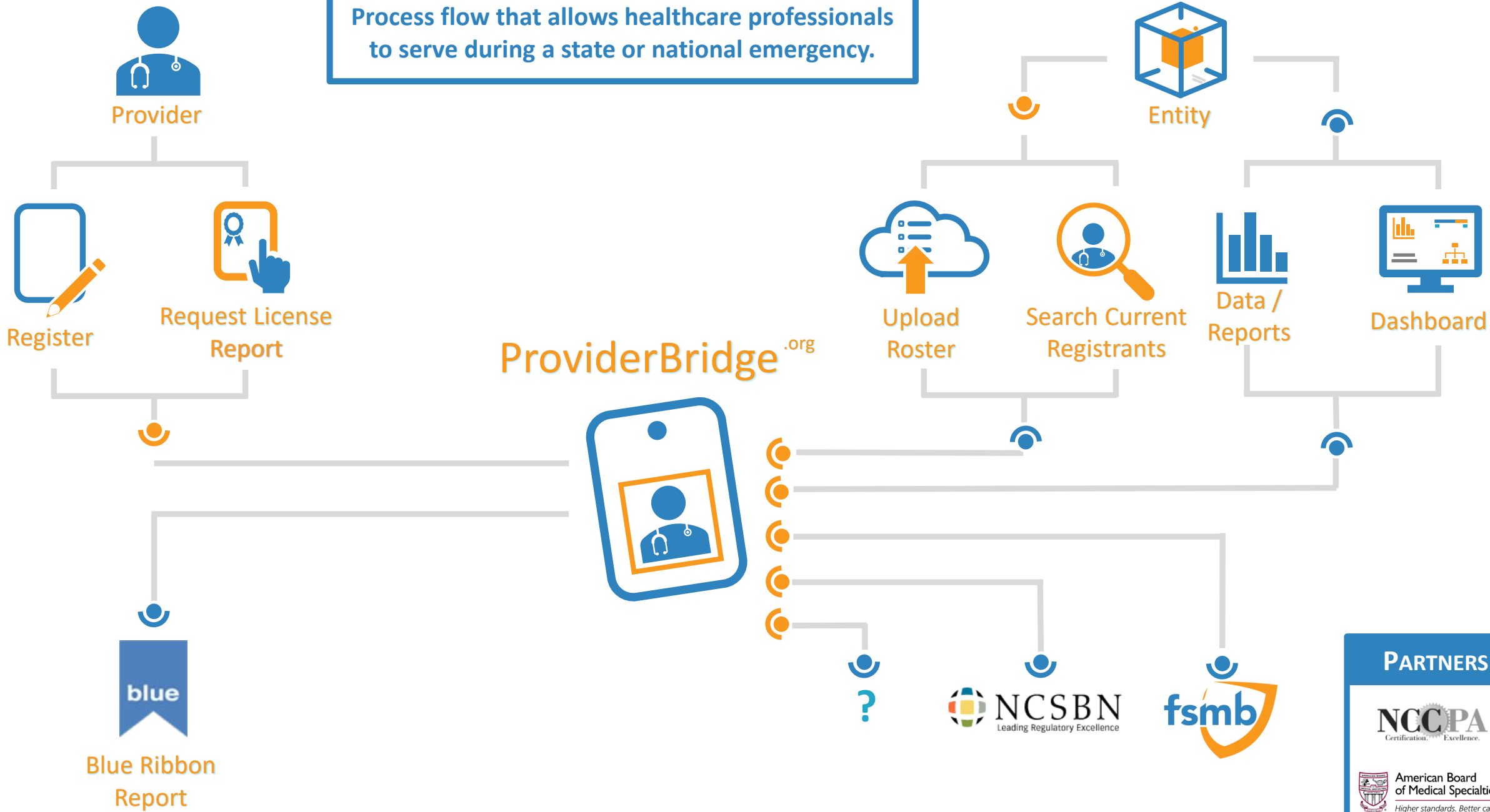
Provider Bridge is powered by data and resources from organizations across the U.S. health care system.



TECHNOLOGY

- Cloud hosted for scalability, portability, and security
- **Not** a new 'centralized' database and **not** a new pathway for licensure
- Records are queried using Application Programming Interface (API)
- Intended as a rapid certification of existing licensure and specialty board information
- Certificate-based documents for license verification

Process flow that allows healthcare professionals to serve during a state or national emergency.



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Health Care Providers

- Register/opt-in to the platform = willingness to serve
- Registration is free and may be completed in minutes
- Retrieve Adobe Trusted Passport
 - Apple and Google Wallet Functionality in Development
- Currently available for Physicians, PAs, and Nurses
 - Future development to add mental health, EMS, other professions

VERIFIED. READY TO RESPOND. READY TO CARE.

Provider Bridge facilitates mobilizing verified health care providers to health care entities and communities where they are needed most.

[REGISTER](#)

Healthcare Professionals

Get your verified digital licensure passport

Select

Healthcare Entities

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From natural disasters to the opioid crisis, pandemics to national emergencies – we need real-time readiness to respond.

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Welcome

Provider Bridge – for verified clinicians willing to provide in-person care or telehealth services during Public Health Emergencies.

Physicians and PAs – ready to respond to emergencies with your Provider Bridge Passport?

You'll need one of the following to get registered in less than 5 minutes.

- Individual NPI
- License Number
- DEA Number

Get your verified digital licensure passport.

Need to create an account?

[Create](#)

Log In

User Name

Password

Login

[Forgot Password?](#)

Now it's time to create your profile

Your profile will provide all the information needed to access your Provider Bridge Passport. To begin, click the CREATE YOUR PROFILE button below.

 [Create Your Profile](#)



Create & submit your profile

Please fill out this form in its entirety, paying close attention to the ***REQUIRED** fields.

Select Profession

Physician

*REQUIRED

Legal First Name

*REQUIRED

Middle Name

Legal Last Name

*REQUIRED

Suffix

Date of Birth



Email

*REQUIRED

Primary Area of Practice



Do you use telehealth to treat som... ▼

Regional Disaster Health Response... ▼

*REQUIRED

*REQUIRED

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To help us retrieve your Passport, please enter as much detail as possible. At least one identifier is required.

Individual NPI

Only your individual NPI will be included in your Passport

License Number

Only one license number is needed to retrieve your Passport. Once retrieved, all active licenses will be included on your Passport.

DEA Number

Only one DEA number is needed to retrieve your Passport. Once retrieved, all active DEA numbers will be included on your Passport.

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Save Draft

Submit

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Name: Rebecca Lee Smith

Provider Type: Doctor of Medicine

School: University of Connecticut School of Medicine

Graduation Year: 2001

NPI: 123456789

Board Action: No Actions Reported

Active Certification(s)

ABMS® Internal Medicine – Hematology, Medical Oncology; **Nuclear Medicine** – Nuclear Medicine

Active License(s)

Alabama (00012345), **Connecticut** (054321), **District of Columbia** (2174!), **Florida** (ME111234), **Texas** (P1234),
Vermont (012-0012345), **Washington** (MD60123456)

Active DEA Number(s)

FS1234567 (22N 45N 7 8), **BS7654321** (12M 45G 7 9), **FS0123456** (22N 65N 8 9), **QS7654321** (12M 45G 7 9),
BS1234567 (22N 45N 7 8), **FS7654321** (12M 45G 7 9), **QS0123456** (22N 65N 8 9), **FS7654321** (12M 45G 7 9),
QS1234567 (22N 45N 7 8)

Requested by: Rebecca Lee Smith

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Example of
Provider
Passport



Name: Philip James Testman
Provider Type: Doctor of Medicine
School: West Virginia University School of Medicine
Graduation Year: 2004
NPI: 1435537299
Board Action: Board Action Found



Primary Area of Practice (Provider Reported)

Dermatology

Active License(s)

Alabama (TEST1111), Arizona (TEST3333), New Hampshire (TEST555)

Active DEA Number(s)

No Active DEA Numbers Reported

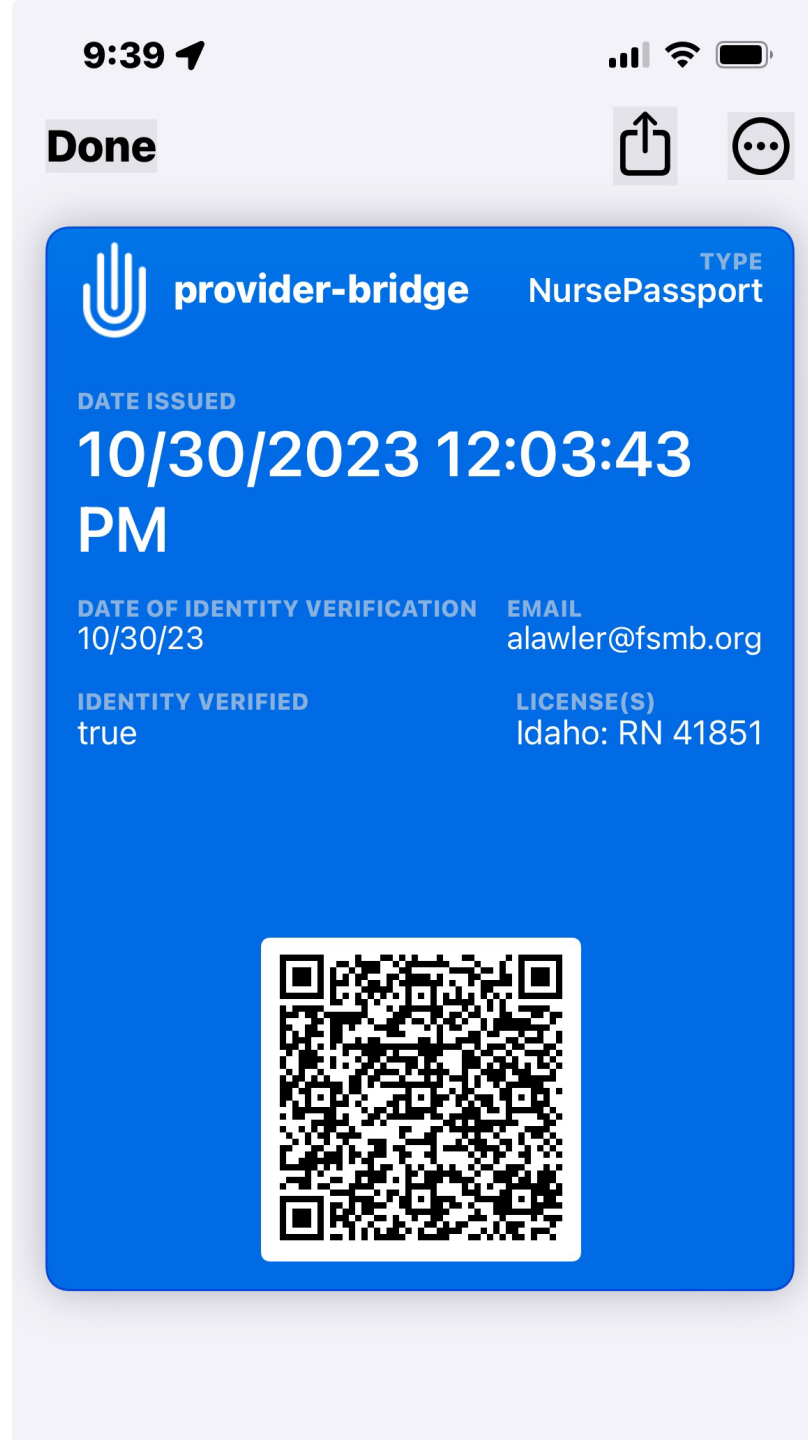
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Example of
Provider
Passport
Showing
Discipline on
License

Example of Wallet with
mock-up of QR code
link to Passport



Health Care Entities

- Registration is free and once approved, access is secured behind login credentials
- Entity can be Hospital, Medical Board, Emergency Response Team, Public Health Department, etc.
- Ability to Create a Roster of its own Providers
- Ability to Search for Other Providers and Retrieve Passports

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Welcome

Register your entity today and have immediate access to verified care volunteers.

Search a database of hundreds of thousands credentialed physicians, PAs and nurses.

The Provider Bridge dashboard gives you the ability to mobilize the help you need.

Search real-time verified care volunteers in minutes.

- By Name
- By Specialty
- By Location

Need to create an account?

[Create](#)

Log In

User Name

Password

Login

[Forgot Password?](#)

Now it's time to create your Entity's Registration

Registering your entity will allow you to create and manage your Entity's Provider List and download provider passports. To begin, select the Create Entity Registration button.

 Create Entity Registration

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Register your Entity

Please fill out this form in its entirety, paying close attention to the ***REQUIRED** fields.

Select Entity 

*REQUIRED

Entity Name

*REQUIRED

Entity URL

*REQUIRED

Entity Phone

*REQUIRED

Ext

Entity Address

*REQUIRED

City

*REQUIRED

State 

*REQUIRED

Zip Code

*REQUIRED

Account Creator

Name

*REQUIRED

Email

*REQUIRED

Phone

*REQUIRED

Ext

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Provider Bridge Entity Dashboard

Emergency Management Office 123 Jane Lane, Dallas, TX 75412 1234567485 EOM.EOM.GOV

Add Provider

Profession

Physician

*REQUIRED

Legal First Name

Alexa

*REQUIRED

Middle Name

Wood

Legal Last Name

Checkey

*REQUIRED

Suffix

To help us retrieve the Provider Bridge Passport, please enter as much detail as possible below. At least one identifier is required.

Individual NPI

Only the Provider's individual NPI will be included on the Passport.

License Number

TEST12345

Only one license number is needed to retrieve the Passport. Once retrieved, all active licenses will be included on the Passport.

DEA Number

Only one DEA number is needed to retrieve the Passport. Once retrieved, all active DEA numbers will be included on the Passport.

[Clear All](#)

Add to Provider List

Provider Bridge Entity Dashboard

Hospital 123 Lane, Eules, TX 67543 1234567890 https://hospital.org

Add Provider

Profession 
*REQUIRED

Legal First Name
*REQUIRED

Middle Name

Legal Last Name
*REQUIRED

[Clear All](#)

Provider List

	Name	Profession	Date ↓	Active License	Action
	Testman, Philip James	Physician	10/27/2023		 
	Trialer, Barbara Sue	Physician	10/27/2023		 
	Samphone, Jess Chris	Physician Assistant	10/27/2023		 

Items per page: 1 - 3 of 3  

Legal First Name

Middle Name

Legal Last Name

*REQUIRED

*REQUIRED

[Clear All](#)

Add to Provider List

Provider List

Search Name

Select Profession

Select Active License

Select Action

- All
- Physician
- Physician Assistant
- Nurse

- All
- Active
- None

- All
- Actions
- No Actions

Name	Profession	Date ↓	Active License	Action
✓ Checkey, Alexa Wood	Physician	4/27/2021	🔔	⬇️ ⬅️
✓ Ache, Olivia Mason	Physician	3/31/2021	🔔	⬇️ ⬅️
✓ Testman, Philip James	Physician	3/31/2021	🔔	🚫 ⬇️ ⬅️
✓ Glockenspiel, Harper Oliver	Physician	3/31/2021	🔔	⬇️ ⬅️
✓ Fortepiano, Elijah Carl	Physician	3/31/2021	🔔	⬇️ ⬅️
❗ Andante, Aria Gianna Andante Gianna	Physician	3/31/2021		⬇️ ⬅️
✓ Ber, Ella Will	Physician	3/31/2021	🔔	⬇️ ⬅️
✓ Tenitope, William Aria	Physician	3/31/2021		⬇️ ⬅️
❗ Elijah, Gianna	Physician	3/31/2021		⬇️ ⬅️
❗ Yoh, Charlotte Harper	Physician	3/31/2021		⬇️ ⬅️
✓ Mistletoe Jr, Oliver James	Physician	3/31/2021	🔔	⬇️ ⬅️

Search for Providers

Use the options below to search for Providers and download a convenient .CSV file

Filter by

Profession

Physician Physician Assistant Nurse

Primary Area of Practice

Emergency Medicine

Provider has an active license

Location of Licensure

Texas New Mexico Colorado

600 Results

[Cancel](#)

[Clear All](#)

[Download My Results](#)



Update in process to expand search options

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	Profession	NPI	Ncsbn Id	License Number	Date	Provider Email	Primary Area of Practice	Has Board Actions
KIMBERLY ANN		HUFFMAN		Nurse		45040173		5/26/2021	Kimberly@gmail.com		X
Jerry	Judd	Pryde	JR	Physician	1558479147			5/30/2021	Jerry@gmail.com		X
Shannon		Miller		Physician Assistant			52424	6/1/2021	Shannon@gmail.com	Emergency Medicine	

How Can a Medical Board Assist?

- Incorporate Provider Bridge registration:
 - On the Board website
 - Through initial and renewal licensure processes
- Register as an Entity and create a roster of licensees
- Highlight Provider Bridge in newsletters and in other communication to licensees and stakeholders



Exam Services

Register for your USMLE Step 3 or SPEX exam. Obtain your official transcript: USMLE, FLEX, SPEX.

USMLE Step 3

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SPEX

[Eligibility Extension](#)

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Exam Transcript

[Learn More](#)

FCVS

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Student Records Verification

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Credentialing Services

Establish a lifetime repository of verified core credentials with the FCVS. Request a verification of your Closed Program resident training records from FSMB.



Licensure Services

Apply for licensure with the Uniform Application (UA), or use Practitioner Direct to send a PDC Profile or NPDB Direct report to a medical board.

Uniform Application

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Practitioner Direct

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Provider Bridge

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Provider Bridge is at the forefront of license portability - making it easier and faster for health care professionals to help when Public Health Emergencies arise.



Apply | New to the Compact - Start Here



Join the Provider Bridge Network for Enhanced Emergency Response (Powered by FSMB)

Be added to the growing list of physicians and other health care providers who are willing to assist in a state or federal emergency or disaster.

(Registering for Provider Bridge is not required for licensure through the IMLC)

[Join now](#)

Do You Qualify for the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact?

Before you begin an application to receive licensing via the Compact, you must prequalify yourself. Please follow the three steps below:

STEP 1: COMPACT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All of the following must be in place before you can apply:

***You must hold a full, unrestricted medical license in a compact-member state that is available to serve as your State of Principal Licensure.** [Please see our map of Compact Member States.](#)

In addition, at least **one** of the conditions below regarding your State of Principal Licensure (SPL) must apply:

1. Your primary residence is in the SPL
2. At least 25% of your practice of medicine occurs in the SPL
3. Your employer is located in the SPL
4. You use the SPL as your state of residence for U.S. federal income tax purposes

You must maintain your SPL status at all times. You may change the location of your SPL – through a process known as “redesignation” – after receiving your Compact Letter of Qualification. To learn more about our rules regarding State of Principal Licensure, [visit Information for Physicians.](#)

***Additionally, you must:**

- **Have graduated from an accredited medical school, or a school listed in the International Medical Education Directory or its equivalent such as the World Directory of Medical Schools.**
- **Have successfully completed ACGME- or AOA-accredited graduate medical education (GME).**
- **Have passed each component of the USMLE, COMLEX-USA, or equivalent predecessor exam accepted by the state medical board (such as the FLEX or NBME) in no more than three attempts for each component. PLEASE NOTE: Passing the Canadian Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada, or the LMCC, DOES NOT meet this requirement.**
- **Hold a current specialty certification or time-unlimited certification by an ABMS or AOABOS board.**
- **Not have any history of disciplinary actions toward your medical license.**
- **Not have any criminal history.**

Renew a License



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Before attempting to renew a license through the Compact, it is important that you read these details:

1. You may not renew any licenses through the Compact that were not obtained through the Compact. If you are unsure how you obtained your medical license, please contact the state medical board that issued the license.
2. You are responsible for knowing the renewal dates and fees for any licenses you wish to renew through the Compact.
3. The physician holding the medical license must be the person answering questions on the renewal form, below, as they are attested to under penalty of perjury. This applies to each state license being renewed.
4. You **DO NOT** need to have an active Letter of Qualification to renew a license.

If you are able to confirm the three items above, you may renew a license using the Compact.

Step 1. Provide basic contact information and submit payment. See form below. You will be charged a \$25.00 application fee in addition to the state's renewal fee.

Step 2. The issuing state board will verify your information and determine if you are qualified for a renewal. You will receive an email of the results.

[You can preview renewal documents here.](#)

The IMLCC has prepared an educational video that walks through the renewal application. It is recommended that you watch this video prior to starting your renewal application.

- [Video #7 - Renewal application \(8:50\)](#)

Military Discounts and Waivers

The IMLCC does not offer discounts or waivers of licensing fees for military personnel or their families.

Military discounts or waivers may be offered through the individual state medical boards, and if a compact member state grants a waiver, they will authorize the IMLCC to return the appropriate portion of the license or renewal fee paid.

If you have any questions regarding state discounts or waivers, please contact the individual medical boards directly.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. You may now begin the Compact licensure renewal

Coming Soon: PA Opportunity to Opt-in at NCCPA Recertification

- FSMB is working with NCCPA to set up Provider Bridge Opt-in at bi-annual PA recertification
- Plan is to be live by end of 2024
- NCCPA will also highlight Provider Bridge in their communications to licensees



Questions?



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