



# **LICENSING REFORM TASK FORCE**

Healthcare Subcommittee Work Plan

April 10, 2026

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This work plan details the Healthcare Subcommittee's (Committee) priorities and topics for review on behalf of the Licensing Reform Task Force. Included in the document are:

- Committee decisions made at the organizational meeting for topics, executive order initiatives, and meeting schedule
- Schedule of planned activities for the committee

### Committee Member Topics

At the organizational meeting, the Committee discussed several topics, which were then prioritized into two categories:

- Potential administrative barriers for healthcare licensees, including
  - background check time to completion
  - licensing costs
  - time to licensure
  - inconsistent national vs. state standards for licensure and continuing education
  - board structure (due to the board structure and low frequency of meetings, there may be a longer wait time for review of non-routine applications)
- Expanding pathways to licensure and/or increasing licensees in the state, including
  - apprenticeships
  - interstate compacts
  - telehealth
  - endorsements vs. licensure
  - ensuring full scope of practice for licensees
  - out-of-state provider utilization

### Executive Order Initiatives

At the organizational meeting, the Committee reviewed the specific initiatives in the Executive Order and identified the specific initiatives the Committee will focus on when developing recommendations:

- If licensure significantly increases the cost of service to the public
- If the scope of practice for a profession is readily identifiable and distinguishable from the scope of practice of other professions and occupations
- If an occupation or profession requires a specialized skill or training for which nationally recognized standards of education and training exist
- If qualifications for licensure are justified
- If unnecessary barriers to entry exist for applicants
- Whether existing licensing requirements contribute to workforce shortages or access constraints in rural frontier communities
- Whether licensure portability, reciprocity, or endorsement pathways could expand access to qualified professionals, particularly in rural and underserved areas
- Whether licensing structures are aligned with state and federal rural health transformation initiatives, including Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Rural Health Transformation Program

### Schedule of Planned Activities

The following timeline provides an outline of how the Committee will accomplish the items in its work plan. The timeline may be updated or revised to address scheduling, emerging issues, or to reallocate time to other topics.

Date	Activities	Tasks/Committee Decisions
February 13, 2026	Organizational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Review initiatives &amp; priorities worksheet</li> </ul>
	Other Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Public comment</li> </ul>
March 13, 2026	Organizational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Review draft work plan</li> </ul>
	Committee Topics	<p><b>Administrative burdens</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Review of data requests</li> <li>◆ Healthcare licensing board discussion               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Review structure</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Identify further issues</li> </ul>
	Other Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Public comment</li> </ul>
April 10, 2026	Committee Topics	<p><b>Rural Health Transformation Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Presentation               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Discussion</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Review draft work plan               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Updates &amp; adjustments</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Other Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Public comment</li> </ul>
April 17, 2026	Committee Topics	<p><b>Administrative burdens</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Topic review</li> <li>◆ Outstanding data requests</li> <li>◆ Identify issues for a future meeting</li> </ul> <p><b>Pathways to licensure &amp; RHTP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Overview of interstate compacts               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Possible presentation (TBD)</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Nutrition CME for physicians</li> <li>◆ Identify further issues</li> </ul>
	Other Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Public comment</li> </ul>
May 15, 2026	Committee Topics	<p><b>Pathways to licensure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Review of interstate compacts               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Possible presentation (TBD)</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Review of RHTP Initiative 1 tasks</li> <li>◆ Discussion on expanding pathway options:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ apprenticeships</li> <li>◇ endorsements</li> <li>◇ full scope of practice</li> <li>◇ out-of-state provider utilization</li> <li>◇ telehealth</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Identify further issues</li> </ul>
	Other Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Public Comment</li> </ul>

<b>June 12, 2026</b>	Committee Topics	<b>Pathways to licensure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Topic review</li> <li>◆ Address outstanding issues</li> <li>◆ Develop recommendations</li> </ul> <b>Administrative burdens</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Topic review</li> <li>◆ Address outstanding issues</li> <li>◆ Develop recommendations</li> </ul>
	Other Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Public Comment</li> </ul>
<b>July 17, 2026</b>	Committee Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Review draft recommendations               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Revisions as necessary</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Finalize recommendations for full task force meeting</li> </ul>
	Other Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Public comment</li> </ul>