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**ADVISORY OPINION ON GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT
FOR EXPEDITED LICENSURE THROUGH THE COMPACT**

OPINION NO. 01-2017

AUTHORITY: The Executive Committee issues this advisory opinion under authority of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission.

- **Compact Section 12c** - (The commission shall) Issue, upon the request of a member state or member board, advisory opinions concerning the meaning or interpretation of the compact, its bylaws, rules, and actions.
- **Compact Section 11k** - ... The Executive committee shall have the power to act on behalf of the Interstate Commission, with the exception of rulemaking, during periods when the Interstate Commission is not in session.

ISSUE: Graduate medical education required to be eligible for expedited licensure through the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

- **Compact Section 2k(3)** - Requires that an eligible physician has successfully completed graduate medical education approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA).
- **Administrative Rule 5.4(1)c** - Requires that an eligible physician has successfully completed graduate medical education approved by the ACGME or AOA that achieves ABMS or AOA board eligibility status.

QUESTION: Does a one-year transitional internship meet requirements in Compact Section 2k(3) and Rule 5.4(1)c?

ADVISORY OPINION: The graduate medical education requirements expressed in Compact Section 2k(3) and Rule 5.4(1)c are intended to ensure that an eligible physician is adequately trained by having successfully completed graduate medical education in an ACGME- or AOA-approved specialty or sub-specialty program. A one-year transitional internship or a one-year rotating internship does not qualify as graduate medical education required in Compact Section 2k(3) and Rule 5.4(1)c.

APPLICABILITY: This opinion applies to all member states in their capacity as a state of principal license in determining if an applicant is eligible for licensure through the Compact.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This opinion is effective upon issuance by the Executive Committee of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission (June 13, 2017).