

Resolution No.	5	New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Substitute <input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment <input type="checkbox"/>
Submitted By:	Council on Dental Health Planning and Hospital Dentistry			
Date Submitted:	April 11, 2026	Reference Committee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Direct to House <input type="checkbox"/>	
Total Financial Implication:	\$ none			
Amount One-time	\$ none	Amount On-going	\$ none	

CDHPHD - Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact

1 **Background:** At its 2024 House of Delegates meeting, the NYSDA House adopted
 2 Resolution 14H-2024, which asked that the appropriate councils evaluate the Dentist
 3 and Dental Hygienist Licensure Compact model. The Board formally referred the
 4 resolution to the Council on Dental Practice for recommendations to the 2025 HOD but
 5 also asked that the Council on Dental Health Planning and Hospital Dentistry
 6 (CDHPHD) consider the matter. During the 2025 House of Delegates the Council on
 7 Dental Health Planning and Hospital Dentistry sent forward a resolution in opposition to
 8 the Dental Compacts. The NYSDA House subsequently referred the resolution back to
 9 the appropriate councils, with a request for further recommendations to the 2026 HOD.

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 11 The Dentist and Dental Hygienist Licensure Compact is a multistate agreement
 12 designed to facilitate the mobility of licensed dental professionals, allowing them to
 13 practice in any participating state. While the Compact offers enhanced professional
 14 flexibility, it presents potential risks, particularly in light of New York State's ongoing
 15 regional workforce shortages.

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 17 After reviewing the data, it was determined that New York State does not have a
 18 shortage of licensed dentists. As of January 1, 2025, there were 18,335 licensed
 19 dentists in New York State with a large number concentrated downstate. The challenge
 20 facing New York's dental workforce is not a migration issue, it is a distribution issue
 21 among regions in the state. There is no evidence to support the idea that a dental
 22 compact would address the uneven distribution of licensed dentists to the unsupported
 23 regions in New York State. It is also important to note that compacts work *both ways*,
 24 allowing migration *into* New York and *out of* New York. In theory, the Compact could
 25 further exacerbate the regional shortages of the dental workforce.

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 27 New York is likely to experience an influx of out-of-state practitioners as a result of the
 28 Compact, which could exacerbate competition for positions without effectively
 29 addressing the critical need for providers in rural and underserved areas. This could
 30 divert attention from targeted solutions for these areas, where the shortages are most
 31 severe.

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 33 Additionally, joining the Compact may necessitate substantial modifications to New
 34 York's licensing infrastructure, imposing significant costs on the state. These funds

35 could be better utilized to support vital public health initiatives, such as increasing
36 access to dental care, funding student loan forgiveness programs, and incentivizing
37 dental professionals to practice in underserved communities.

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39 Given these considerations, the CDHPHD strongly recommends that NYSDA delay any
40 decision to join the Compact and closely monitor its development and impact in other
41 states before committing to New York's participation.

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43 Accordingly, the following resolution is being submitted for consideration

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45 **5. Resolved**, that NYSDA oppose participation in the Dentist and Dental
46 Hygienist Licensure Compact.

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48 **Board Comments:** The Board feels it is premature to commit to participating in a multi-state
49 licensure compact. There are no dental professionals yet practicing under these arrangements
50 in other states, and the Board wants to see data that shows whether they work in practice or
51 not. And knowing that our Department of Education has expressed opposition to these in the
52 past, it is too soon for NYSDA to commit support to these compacts.

53 **BOARD RECOMMENDATION: VOTE YES**

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Demas	X				Hills	X				Ramjattansingh	X			
Dominger	X				Jacobs	X				Rothas		X		
Edwards	X				Jacobo	X				Samuels		X		
Gamache	X				Korkosz	X				Scharoff	X			
Giordano	X				Krishnan	X				Stacy	X			
Greenberg	X				Miller	X				Stacey	X			
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