



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 407		DATE: 2/21/2023	
COMMITTEE: Professional Registration and Licensing			
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Dear Chair Coleman and Vice Chair Parker, On behalf of the one-in-ten individuals in Missouri living with one of the over 7,000 known rare diseases, the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) thanks you for your consideration of HB 407 during today’s hearing. HB 407, if passed, would allow Missouri to join the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC), an agreement between participating U.S. states to work together to significantly streamline the medical licensing process for physicians who want to practice in multiple states, therefore making it possible to improve patient access to medical specialists using telehealth. NORD urges you to support HB 407 and pass it favorably out of this Committee. NORD is a unique federation of voluntary health organizations dedicated to helping people with rare diseases and assisting the organizations that serve them. NORD is committed to the identification, treatment, and cure of rare disorders through programs of education, advocacy, research, and patient services. We believe that all individuals with a rare disease should have access to quality and affordable health care that is best suited to meet their medical needs. In the United States, a rare disease is defined as any disease, disorder, illness, or condition affecting fewer than 200,000 people. Unfortunately, there are often very few specialists who have expertise in any given rare disease. As a result, patients frequently travel significant distances, often across state lines, to see a medical specialist qualified to provide appropriate treatment for their condition. In a survey of rare disease patients conducted by NORD in 2019, almost 40% of respondents reported traveling 60 miles or greater to see a medical specialist with expertise in their rare condition. While rare disease patients faced serious barriers to care even before the COVID-19 pandemic, these barriers increased significantly within the rare disease community as the pandemic shocked the U.S. and global health care systems. In a survey of rare disease patients and caregivers conducted by NORD in the summer of 2020, 79% of respondents reported experiencing a canceled medical appointment due to COVID-19. Fortunately, 88% of survey respondents reported being offered a telehealth appointment, and 92% who accepted the offer of a telehealth visit reported having a positive experience with telehealth. Looking ahead, many patients and providers have signaled that they appreciate and have benefitted from the expanded use of telehealth and want to see its permanent integration into our health care system. As mentioned previously, rare disease patients are often required to travel long distances, including across state lines, to access necessary and appropriate medical care. Currently, many state’s licensure laws create barriers to care by limiting providers ability to see patients across state lines. This not only complicates access for patients, but also creates additional burdens for clinicians who want to see out-of-state patients who lack access to appropriate care closer to home. This barrier to care can prove insurmountable for some due to the significant costs associated with travel and lodging, among other expenses. HB 407 would streamline the process for providers in other states to obtain licensure in Missouri, allowing those providers to see patients located in Missouri via telehealth. This would not

only expand access to out-of-state medical specialists for individuals with diagnosed rare diseases living in Missouri, but also to diagnostics, potentially cutting down the often-extensive diagnostic odyssey patients go through to obtain an accurate diagnosis. In passing HB 407, Missouri would join 37 other U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and the Territory of Guam as participants in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. Once again, on behalf of the Missouri rare disease community, we thank you for your consideration of HB 407 and urge its swift passage. For any questions, please feel free to contact Allison Herrity at aherrity@rarediseases.org. Sincerely, Alyss Patel State Policy Manager, Western Region National Organization for Rare Disorders



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Same as with HB 285



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We are facing staffing shortages across the board in health care and we feel that this would greatly help in that process.



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I am Opposed to this Bill and Move.



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