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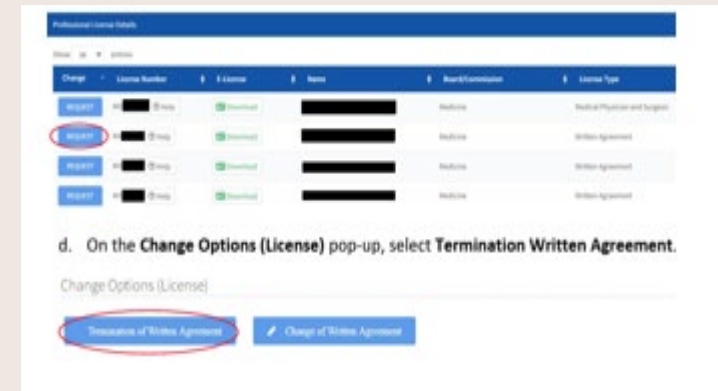
Terminating Written Agreements Initiated by the Supervising Physician

The supervising physician will need to log into PALS by entering their User ID and password and clicking LOGIN

The **Dashboard** screen will be displayed.

In the **Professional License Details** section, locate the desired “**Written Agreement**” number you wish to terminate.

Click on the [**Request**] button



The written agreement termination confirmation will be populated, prompting the supervising physician to click “OK.”



A screenshot of a software dialog box titled "AGREEMENT TERMINATION". At the top center is a large, light blue circular icon containing a vertical bar. Below the icon, the title "AGREEMENT TERMINATION" is displayed in bold, dark blue capital letters. The main text area contains two lines of gray text: "Are you sure you want to terminate MX [redacted] with MA [redacted] - [redacted]?" and "The termination of written agreement MX [redacted] will be effective today and you will no longer be able to practice under this written agreement." At the bottom of the dialog are two buttons: a gray "Cancel" button on the left and a green "Ok" button on the right. The "Ok" button is highlighted with a red oval.

AGREEMENT TERMINATION

Are you sure you want to terminate MX [redacted] with MA [redacted] - [redacted]?

The termination of written agreement MX [redacted] will be effective today and you will no longer be able to practice under this written agreement.

Cancel Ok

After clicking “OK,” the supervising physician will be prompted with the successful termination of the agreement.

An email will then be sent, confirming the relationship has been terminated to both the supervising physician and the physician assistant.



Terminating Written Agreements Initiated by the Physician Assistant

The physician assistant will need to log into PALS by entering their User ID and password and clicking LOGIN

The **Dashboard** screen will be displayed.

In the **Relationship / Association** section, locate the desired **“Written Agreement** number you wish to terminate.

Click on the [**Request**] button



Change	Relationship	License Number	Name	License Type / Position
Request	Supervisor	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Written Agreement
Request	Supervisor	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Written Agreement

d. On the Change Options (Relation) pop-up, select Termination of Written Agreement.

Change Options (Relation)

Change of Written Agreement

Termination of Written Agreement

The written agreement termination confirmation will be populated, prompting the physician assistant to click “OK.”



A confirmation dialog box titled "AGREEMENT TERMINATION" with an information icon at the top. The text asks for confirmation to terminate a written agreement with a specific MA. It states that the termination will be effective today and the user will no longer be able to practice under that agreement. At the bottom, there are "Cancel" and "Ok" buttons, with the "Ok" button highlighted by a red circle.



AGREEMENT TERMINATION

Are you sure you want to terminate MX [redacted] with MA [redacted] - [redacted]?

The termination of written agreement MX [redacted] will be effective today and you will no longer be able to practice under this written agreement.

After clicking “OK,” the physician assistant will be prompted with the successful termination of the agreement.

An email will then be sent, confirming the relationship has been terminated to both the supervising physician and the physician assistant.



Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

How Do I Apply for My Compact License?

All physicians must begin the Compact process through the **IMLCC website (imlcc.com)**. Applicants should first review the information provided on the website to make sure they meet the IMLCC requirements before submitting an application.

Once the physician is ready to apply, they should complete the following steps:

- Applicants submit their IMLCC application and pay the required fee.
- When applicable, they must confirm what documents need to be submitted per state regulations by reviewing the email they will receive directing them to complete next steps in the **PALS system (pals.pa.gov)**.
- Applicants must upload required documents(if applicable) before submitting the application.
- If the necessary documents are not provided, the application cannot be submitted.

There Are Four Different IMLCC Application Types:

Initial Non-SPL Application:

This option is for physicians **who do not hold a Pennsylvania Medical or Osteopathic license** but wish to obtain a compact license using Pennsylvania. The state reviews the applicant's IMLCC information and verifies eligibility through the Compact.

Initial LOQ (Conversion):

This applies to physicians who **already hold an active, unrestricted Pennsylvania Medical or Osteopathic license** and want to become part of the Compact. Through this “conversion” process, the physician completes steps in both the IMLCC portal and Pennsylvania's PALS system. Once processed, the physician receives a **Letter of Qualification (LOQ)** and Pennsylvania becomes their SPL.

LOQ Redesignation:

Physicians that are currently licensed through the Compact in Pennsylvania but originally applied while another state was their State of Principle License can choose to redesignate Pennsylvania as their SPL.

LOQ Reissuance:

A letter of qualification (LOQ) is only valid for 365 days from its date of issuance. Once expired, the IMLCC system will not allow the licensee to request a new compact license until a new LOQ is issued. A licensee may apply for a new LOQ starting 60 days before the current LOQ's expiration date, or at any time after the LOQ has expired. When a new LOQ is issued, the 365-day period restarts.

State of Principal License Requirements

All physicians seeking to designate Pennsylvania as their State of Principal License – whether by converting an existing Pennsylvania license, redesignating Pennsylvania as their SPL, or updating their LOQ, must meet one of the following qualifications:

Their primary residence is located in Pennsylvania.

At least 25% of their practice of medicine occurs in Pennsylvania.

Their employer is located in Pennsylvania.

They use Pennsylvania as their state of residence for U.S. Federal income tax purposes.

When Would I Renew My Compact License?

Compact licenses follow the same renewal timeframe as standard Pennsylvania Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine licenses.

Additional Information

For more information about licensure under the IMLCC, visit the IMLCC website at imlcc.com.

Frequently asked questions can be found on The Pennsylvania Department of State website at:
[Interstate Medical Licensure Compact-Frequently Asked Question.](#)

State Board of Nursing

www.dos.pa.gov/nurse

The State Board of Nursing protects the health and safety of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the licensure/certification and regulation of the practice of professional nurses.



Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS):
www.pals.pa.gov

Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) Information

The PA Nurse Board fully entered into the NLC on July 7, 2025.

How does this effect PA nurses?

- Registered nurses and licensed practical nurses who hold current multistate licenses through the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) are able to provide services to patients in any state that is also part of the NLC.
- Any nurse holding a PA single state license AND a multistate license in another state that is also part of the NLC cannot renew their PA single state license.
- Any nurse holding a multistate license in another state but claims PA as their primary state of residence (PSOR) must apply to PA for the PA multistate license. Once issued, the multistate license in the other state will be deactivated.

Information regarding the NLC can be found on the Board's website, www.dos.pa.gov.

RN and PN Multistate Licensure Requirements

Those seeking to obtain a multistate license MUST submit the following:

- Fingerprint-based FBI background check through IdentoGO
- CHRC from the state in which they reside at the time of application
- Declaration of Primary State of Residence (PSOR) indicating PA is their PSOR
- Verification of PA as the Primary State of Residence
 - A current Pennsylvania driver's license with a home address;
 - A Pennsylvania voter registration card with a home address;
 - A federal income tax return with a PSOR declaration;
 - Military form no. 2058 (state of legal residence certificate); or
 - A W2 form from the United States government or any bureau, division or agency thereof, indicating residence

Requirements for RN and PN Initial Licensure

- Appropriate CHRCs
 - FBI for ALL applications
 - State of current residence for multistate license applications
- Education Verification
 - Nursing Education Verification (NEV):
 - Graduates of PA nursing education programs ONLY
 - Program Director submits program completion electronically for those applying for **INITIAL** licensure
 - Transcripts:
 - NOT graduates of PA nursing education programs applying for **INITIAL** licensure
- English Language Proficiency (ELP) test results for anyone whose program was not completed in English
- Foreign Credentials Evaluation by a Board-approved Foreign Credentials Evaluator if educated outside of the U.S., U.S. territories, or Canada
- Verification of Licensure from all states in which the applicant holds/held an RN and/or PN license via Nursys
 - Not applicable for those applying for **INITIAL** licensure by examination

Continuing Education Requirements for RN and PN Initial Licensure

- 3 hours of approved training by the Department of Human Services (DHS) on the topic of child abuse recognition and reporting
- ❖ NEW for RNs – Effective May 1, 2026, registered nurses must complete 2 hours of Board-approved continuing education in organ and tissue donation and recovery process (organ donation) one time within 5 years of initial licensure or within 5 years of licensure renewal, whichever comes first.

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP) Certification Requirements

- Active RN license, PA or multistate from another state
- FBI Criminal History Record Check (CHRC) completed no more than 180 days from date of application submission
- 3 hours of approved training by the Department of Human Services (DHS) on the topic of child abuse recognition and reporting
- Verification of Nurse Practitioner Program form submitted directly from the program
- Transcripts for graduates of nurse practitioner programs located outside of PA submitted directly from the nurse practitioner program indicating the degree awarded and the date conferred
- National Certification Verification submitted directly by the certifying body for the certification for which they are applying
- Verification of Certification/Licensure from all states in which the applicant holds a nurse practitioner certification/license in the same specialty for which they are applying

CRNP with Compact RN license

CRNPs who hold a multistate RN license in another state that participates in the compact may apply for initial CRNP certification in PA using that compact RN license.

CRNPs who hold a multistate RN may apply for renewal or reactivation of their PA CRNP certification using that compact RN license.

If a multistate RN license used for CRNP certification is deactivated, the CRNP certification in PA is no longer in compliance. A PA RN license **MUST** be granted to continue using the CRNP certification.

CRNP Collaborative Agreements

CRNPs are required to have a collaborative agreement with a physician that outlines the nurse practitioner's scope of practice. These collaborative agreements are NOT submitted to the Board office. They should be kept at the practice location.



CRNPs desiring to prescribe and/or dispense medications are required to have a Prescriptive Authority Collaborative Agreement on file with the Board. A copy must also be kept at the practice location. Copies may be downloaded from the license verification site, www.pals.pa.gov/verify.



Prescriptive Authority Collaborative Agreement Requirements

Active CRNP certification in PA.

Verification of 45 hours of Advanced Pharmacology;

4 hours of opioid education consisting of:

2 hours of Board-approved education in pain management or the identification of addiction

2 hours of Board-approved education in the practices of prescribing and dispensing of opioids.

Liability insurance that complies with the MCARE act. This does not need to be filed with the Board office.

One primary collaborating physician

At least one substitute physician who will provide collaboration if the collaborating physician is unavailable.

Substitute Physician Requirement

Nurse Board regulation
§21.285 requires that at least
one substitute physician be
listed on the CRNP
prescriptive authority
collaborative agreement in
the licensing system.

If the parties/facilities have a
longer list, they can add those
to the list in the licensing
system or maintain the list
themselves.

If there is only one substitute
physician listed on the CRNP
prescriptive authority
agreement and that physician
is no longer associated with
the CRNP, a new substitute
physician must be located
and the agreement updated
with the Board office via a
request for change on the
CRNP's PALS dashboard.

CRNP Prescriptive Authority Agreement Changes & Terminations

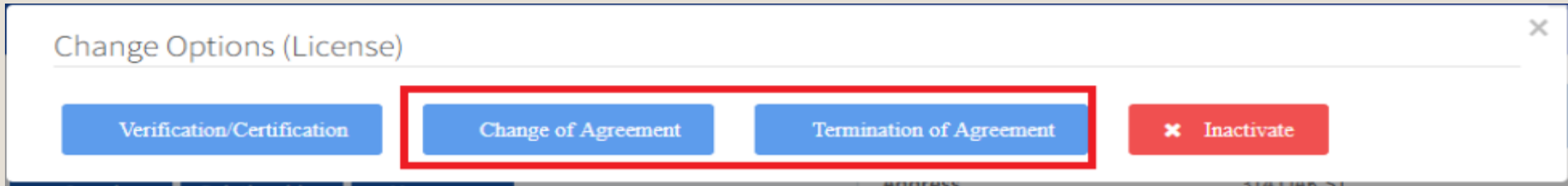
After the CRNP logs into their PALS account, their dashboard will appear.

They will locate the prescriptive authority agreement to be changed or terminated in the Professional License Details section.

They must then click “Request” next to the prescriptive authority approval number.

Professional License Details

Change	License Number	E-License	Name	Board/Commission	License Type	Status	Issue Date	Expiration Date	Pre-Req
REQUEST	SP	Help	Download		Nursing	Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner(Neonatal)	Active	11/30/1987	4/30/2026
REQUEST	NPPA	Help	Download		Nursing	Prescriptive Authority(Neonatal)	Active	6/28/2018	4/30/2026
REQUEST	NPPA	Help	Download		Nursing	Prescriptive Authority(Neonatal)	Active	7/21/2020	4/30/2026
REQUEST	NPPA	Help	Download		Nursing	Prescriptive Authority(Neonatal)	Active	8/25/2023	4/30/2026
REQUEST	RN	Help	Download		Nursing	Registered Nurse	Active (Single State)	9/5/1979	4/30/2026
	NPPA	Help			Nursing	Prescriptive Authority	Agreement Terminated	10/16/2020	2/21/2024
REQUEST	NPPA	Help			Nursing	Prescriptive Authority(Neonatal)	inactive	1/13/2015	4/30/2015



When the pop-up appears, they will select one of the available options.

If the option is not visible, they should be sure there are no unprocessed requests for the same agreement. Any pending requests will not allow submission of the new change request.

Change of Agreement:

Used to request any other change, including addition/removal of substitute physicians and changes to controlled substance prescribing.

Termination of Agreement:

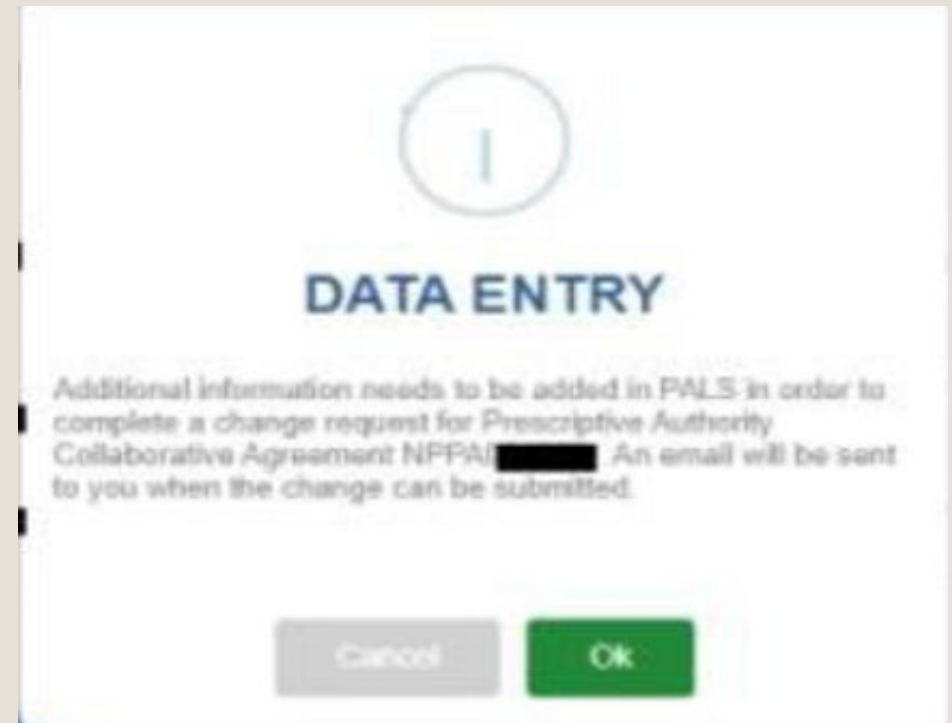
Used to terminate the agreement with the primary collaborating physician.

Change of a primary collaborating physician cannot be completed using the Change of Agreement option. A new application must be submitted.

Request for Data Entry

If the prescriptive authority was initially submitted to the Board office via paper and no changes have been made since initial approval, a pop-up may appear indicating additional information needs to be added by Nurse Board staff. This must be completed before the CRNP can make the request for a change.

They should click “OK” to allow the data entry. Once that is complete, they will receive an email stating the change can be requested.



Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) Update

March 17, 2026

- Regulations were forwarded to the Governor's Offices of Budget, Policy and General Counsel for review and approval.

Next Step (Pending Approval)

- Submitted to:
 - House Professional Licensure Committee
 - Senate Professional Licensure Committee
 - Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC)

Following Committee & IRRC Approval

- Sent to the Office of Attorney General for final legal review

Final Step (After Attorney General Approval)

- Published as final regulations in the Pennsylvania Bulletin

The Board expects to make applications available after regulations are published.

On behalf of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, thank you for inviting us.

Matthew, Christina, Kori, Deidre, and Jamie