

# INTERSTATE COMPACT

## Interstate Compact on Mental Health (ICMH)

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### Policy

The **Interstate Compact on Mental Health (ICMH)** establishes rules for the efficient transfer of medical records and cooperation between states to minimize any disruption to mental health or disability services.

The current compact has been enacted by 45 states and the District of Columbia. Arizona, California, Mississippi, Nevada, and Virginia have opted to not participate.

**Legal Reference:** Conn Gen. Stats. §§17a-615 to 618.

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### Applicability

The compact may be used for:

- the transfer of mental ill or mentally deficient children between public institutions from one state to another;
  - the return of mentally ill or mentally deficient children who have escaped across state lines;
  - the provision of aftercare services in the receiving state; and
  - the provision of advanced notice to state disability agencies and the transfer of information between state agencies.
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### Probate Court

To complete admission into a Connecticut institution, the sending state is responsible for following the commitment procedure pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §17a-76 in the Probate Court district in which the hospital is located.

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