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## **Missouri Sends Health Care Compact To Governor**

Alexandria, VA – Today the [Health Care Compact](http://healthcarecompact.org/) (<http://healthcarecompact.org/>), an agreement between participating states that restores authority and responsibility for health care regulation to member states, passed the Missouri State Senate. The compact, which is now headed for Governor Jay Nixon's desk, would allow Missouri to create their own health care policies by joining an interstate compact that supersedes prior federal law.

"Passage of the Health Care Compact in Missouri changes who will decide the future of health care for Missourians," said Eric O'Keefe, Chairman of the [Health Care Compact Alliance](#). "The Health Care Compact moves responsibility for health care from Washington, D.C. to Missouri, where we expect a robust conversation among citizens and their local representatives to unfold and result in reforms that meet the needs of all Missourians."

Missouri is the fourth state to send the compact to its governor for signature. The Health Care Compact has been introduced in 14 states and was signed into law in Georgia. It has passed the State House of Representatives in Montana, Missouri, Colorado, Arizona, Georgia and Texas. It has passed the State Senate in Oklahoma, Arizona, Missouri and Georgia. In addition, in more than 36 states, citizen groups and state legislators are actively considering the Health Care Compact.

"Our health care system is too large and too complex to manage at the federal level -- and too important to be debated outside the earshot of citizens. That is why today's passage in Missouri will enable citizens to engage in the policy process at their state level, and to prescribe laws that match the needs of their communities," said O'Keefe.

[The Health Care Compact](#) is an initiative of the [Health Care Compact Alliance](#), a nonpartisan organization dedicated to providing Americans more influence over decisions that govern their health care.

Interstate compacts have been used throughout U.S. history to allow states to coordinate in important policy areas. Authority for compacts was established in the Constitution (Article I, Section 10), and more than 200 such agreements are currently in effect. They are voluntary agreements between states that, when consented to by congress, have the force of federal law.

**\*Note – To set up an interview with the board of the [Health Care Compact Alliance](#) or a local Missouri supporter of the Compact please contact Meghan Tisinger at [Meghan@TKOCommunicationsLLC.com](mailto:Meghan@TKOCommunicationsLLC.com) or [\(703\) 965-1145](tel:(703)965-1145)**

*About the Health Care Compact Alliance*

*[The Health Care Compact Alliance](#) is a nonpartisan [501 (c)4] organization providing tools that enable citizens to exert greater control over their government. The Health Care Compact was developed to offer Americans more influence over decisions that govern health care. For more information, please visit [www.healthcarecompact.org](http://www.healthcarecompact.org)*