

**Board of Psychologists information on Telemedicine and Telephonic practice during NH's COVID19 state of emergency declared by Governor Sununu:**

- **All Psychologists who practice telemedicine in NH** shall follow accepted standards for such practice. If the psychologist is new to telemedicine, review of these resources for procedures and standards of care for telemedicine practice methods may be a helpful starting point:
  - American Psychological Association, Joint Task Force on the practice of Telepsychology: *APA Guidelines for the Practice of Telepsychology*. (2013)  
<https://www.apa.org/practice/guidelines/telepsychology>
  - SAMHSA materials: Using Technology-Based Therapeutic Tools in Behavioral Health Services  
<http://store.samhsa.gov/product/TIP-60-Using-Technology-Based-Therapeutic-Tools-in-Behavioral-Health-Services/SMA15-4924>
- **NH Psychologists who practice Telemedicine outside of NH jurisdiction:** The Board continues to enforce requirements that NH Psychologists follow the laws of practice for the location where their clients/patients/consumers are located. NH Psychologists are encouraged to check with authoritative resources concerning other jurisdictions' requirements and exceptions for license status in the state where the person is located, for the COVID19 special rules or declarations by such boards. Daily updates on COVID19 practice information are posted on the Association State and Provincial Psychology Boards website at:  
<https://www.asppb.net/page/covid19>
- **NH Psychologists use appropriate standards** of care including confidentiality and safeguarding identifiable health information. The US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Civil Rights (OCR) oversees the **HIPAA regulations**. OCR has published the following update pertaining to the COVID19 emergency. The public should be aware that Psychologists in NH remain cautious in delivering their confidential services.  
<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/03/17/ocr-announces-notification-of-enforcement-discretion-for-telehealth-remote-communications-during-the-covid-19.html>
- **Telemedicine to patients/clients/consumers in New Hampshire by an out-of-state provider** must be licensed in NH in order to provide such care. Visit the Office of Professional Regulation for **emergency out-of-state licensing** under the State of Emergency declared by Governor Sununu.  
<https://www.oplc.nh.gov/covid-19/index.htm> Looking under the section, Boards' Emergency Rules, Office of Professional Licensure and Certification

- **PsyPact Interstate Compact** is scheduled to be operational by early July 2020. New Hampshire is a member state for psychologists. PsyPact practice is not an automatic license enhancement but must be applied for first through Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards [www.ASPPB.net](http://www.ASPPB.net) and then through [www.Psycompact.org](http://www.Psycompact.org) based on your home state's membership in the compact. The PsyPact interstate compact issues credentials that allow a psychologist of a member state to practice telemedicine or temporary in-person service in any other member state. **Psycompact is not yet fully operational currently at the time of this COVID19 State of Emergency.**