Advancing the Interjurisdictional Practice of Psychology

Created by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB), the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) is an interstate compact that facilitates the practice of psychology using telecommunications technologies (telepsychology) and/or temporary in-person, face-to-face psychological practice.

About PSYPACT

- PSYPACT is a cooperative agreement enacted into law by participating states
- Addresses increased demand to provide/receive psychological services via electronic means (telepsychology)
- Authorizes both telepsychology and temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology across state lines in PSYPACT states
- PSYPACT states have the ability to regulate telepsychology and temporary in-person, face-to-face practice

How PSYPACT Works

- PSYPACT becomes operational when seven states enact PSYPACT into law
- Psychologists who wish to practice under PSYPACT obtain:
  - E-Passport Certificate for telepsychology
  - Interjurisdictional Practice Certificate (IPC) for temporary in-person, face-to-face practice
- PSYPACT states communicate and exchange information including verification of licensure and disciplinary sanctions

Benefits of PSYPACT

- Increases client/patient access to care
- Facilitates continuity of care when client/patient relocates, travels, etc.
- Certifies that psychologists have met acceptable standards of practice
- Promotes cooperation between PSYPACT states in the areas of licensure and regulation
- Offers a higher degree of consumer protection across state lines

How PSYPACT Impacts Psychologists

- Allows licensed psychologists to practice telepsychology and/or conduct temporary in-person, face-to-face practice across state lines without having to become licensed in additional PSYPACT states
- Permits psychologists to provide services to populations currently underserved or geographically isolated
- Standardizes time allowances for temporary practice regulations in PSYPACT states

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