

INTERSTATE TELEPRACTICE REGULATIONS

.01 Definitions

A. Telepractice across state lines means:

1. The application of telecommunications technology to deliver speech-language pathology and/or audiology services at a distance for assessment, intervention and/or consultation, to a client in this state.
2. Consultation means collaborating with a primary service provider to assist with evaluation or management.
3. Consultant means a speech-language pathologist or audiologist who provides consultations to a primary service provider in this state.
4. Episodic means consultations or services provided on an irregular or infrequent basis. Irregular or infrequent means less than once a month or the provision of services to fewer than ten clients annually.
5. Definitions provided in Section _____, Telepractice Service Delivery Regulations, are applicable here.

.02 Limited License/Registration for Telepractice; Qualifications

A. No person shall engage in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology across state lines in this state, hold himself or herself out as qualified to do the same, or use any title, word, or abbreviation to indicate to or induce others to believe that he or she is licensed to practice speech-language pathology or audiology across state lines in this state unless he or she has been issued a limited license/registration to practice telepractice across state lines in accordance with this article.

B. Upon completed application including all required documentation, verification of licensure or certification and payment of fees, the Board may issue a limited license/registration for interstate telepractice, if the following conditions are met:

1. The speech-language pathologist or audiologist possesses an unencumbered license to practice in the state from which the speech-language pathologist or audiologist provides telepractice services and that the license is comparable to its corresponding license in this state as determined by the Board;
2. The speech-language pathologist or audiologist has not had a license to practice speech-language pathology or audiology revoked or restricted in any state or jurisdiction.
3. In the event of a previous disciplinary action against the applicant, the board may issue a limited license/registration to practice across state lines if it finds that the previous disciplinary action does not indicate that the speech-language pathologist or audiologist is a potential threat to the public.
4. The speech-language pathologist or audiologist does not have an office in this state and does not provide service in the physical presence of a client in this state.
5. The speech-language pathologist or audiologist agrees to be subject to the state laws, the state judicial system and the Board with respect to providing speech-language pathology or audiology services to this state's residents.
6. Telepractitioners shall comply with all laws, rules and regulations governing the maintenance of client records, including client confidentiality requirements, regardless of the state where the records of any client within this state are maintained.

.03 Exemptions

A. Requirements for a limited license/registration do not apply to:

1. Episodic services or consultation provided by a speech-language pathologist or audiologist located outside of the state who provides such consultations or services upon request to a person licensed in this state;
2. The provision of speech-language pathology or audiology services across state lines during a declared state of emergency if no charge is made for the assistance;
3. Services provided by a speech-language pathologist or audiologist in another jurisdiction to faculty, researchers, clinicians and/or students for the purposes of research or teaching of communication disorders.
4. Informal consultation performed outside the context of a contractual relationship and on an irregular or infrequent basis without direct or indirect compensation.

.04 Sanctions

A. Any person who violates the provisions of this article is subject to the laws of this state for the unlicensed practice of speech-language pathology or audiology.

B. Nothing shall restrict the Board's authority to discipline any speech-language pathologist or audiologist licensed to practice in this state who violate the provisions of Sections (*Practice Act*) inclusive, while engaging in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology in this or any other state.

.05 License Expiration

A. Limited licenses/registration for telepractice shall be renewed on _____ and are valid for a period of _____ years.