

1 **Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT)**

2 **Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Commission**

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4 **Title of Rule:** Conditions of Telepsychology Practice into a Receiving State

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11 **Section 6:** Conditions of Telepsychology Practice into a Receiving State

12 **Authority:** Article VI Conditions of Telepsychology Practice in a Receiving State

13 Article II: Definitions

14 Article III: Home State Licensure

15 Article IV: Compact Privilege to Practice Telepsychology

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17 **6.0 Purpose:** Pursuant to Article VI, a psychologist may practice in a Receiving State  
18 under the Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology only in  
19 the performance of the scope of practice for psychology as assigned by the  
20 appropriate State Psychology Regulatory Authority as defined in these  
21 Rules.

22 **6.1 Definition(s):** (A) “**Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology**” means:  
23 a licensed psychologist’s Authority to Practice Telepsychology, within the  
24 limits authorized under this Compact, in another Compact State. This  
25 Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology is deemed valid  
26 until the psychologist is no longer eligible under the Compact Statute  
27 and/or the Rules and/or Policies established by the Commission.

28 (B) “**Client/Patient**” means: the recipient of psychological services,  
29 whether psychological services are delivered in the context of healthcare,  
30 corporate, supervision, and/or consulting services.

31 (C) “**Commission**” means: the national administrative body of which all  
32 states that have enacted the Compact are members.

33 (D) “**Compact**” means: Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact  
34 (PSYPACT).

35 (E) “**Compact State**” means: a state, the District of Columbia, or United  
36 States territory that has enacted this Compact legislation and which has  
37 not withdrawn pursuant to Article XIII, Section C or has been terminated  
38 pursuant to Article XII, Section B. For purposes of this Compact, Compact  
39 State and Member State may be used interchangeably.

40 (F) **“Home State”** means: a Compact State where a psychologist is  
41 licensed to practice psychology. If the psychologist is licensed in more  
42 than one Compact State and is practicing under the Authorization to  
43 Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology, the Home State is the  
44 Compact State where the psychologist is physically present when the  
45 telepsychological services are delivered. If the psychologist is licensed in  
46 more than one Compact State and is practicing under the Temporary  
47 Authorization to Practice, the Home State is any Compact State where the  
48 psychologist is licensed.

49 (G) **“Receiving State”** means: a Compact State where the client/patient is  
50 physically located when the telepsychological services are delivered.

51 (H) **“Rule”** means: a written statement by the Psychology  
52 Interjurisdictional Compact Commission promulgated pursuant to Article  
53 XI of this Compact that is of general applicability; implements, interprets,  
54 or prescribes a policy or provision of the Compact; or is an  
55 organizational, procedural, or practice requirement of the Commission  
56 and has the force and effect of statutory law in a member state and  
57 includes the amendment, repeal, or suspension of an existing rule.

58 (I) **“State”** means: any state, commonwealth, territory, or possession of  
59 the United States, the District of Columbia.

60 (J) **“State Psychology Regulatory Authority”** means: the Board, office or  
61 agency with the legislative mandate to license and regulate the practice of  
62 psychology.

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64 **6.2 Initiation of Psychological Services:** A psychologist must initiate a client/patient contact in  
65 a psychologist’s Home State via telecommunications technologies when treating a client/patient  
66 in a Receiving State.

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68 **6.3 Provision of Psychological Services:** For the purposes of this Compact, the provision of  
69 psychological services is deemed to take place at the physical location of the psychologist.

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71 **6.4 Scope of Practice:** For the purposes of this Compact, a psychologist practices under the  
72 scope of practice of the State Psychology Regulatory Authority of the Receiving State.

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75 Italicized definitions are mirrored directly from the PSYPACT Compact Language.