Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT)

Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Commission

Title of Rule: Conditions of Telepsychology Practice into a Receiving State
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Section 6: Conditions of Telepsychology Practice into a Receiving State

Authority:
Article VI Conditions of Telepsychology Practice in a Receiving State
Article II: Definitions
Article III: Home State Licensure
Article IV: Compact Privilege to Practice Telepsychology

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

6.1 Definition(s):
(A) “Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology” means: a licensed psychologist’s Authority to Practice Telepsychology, within the limits authorized under this Compact, in another Compact State. This Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology is deemed valid until the psychologist is no longer eligible under the Compact Statute and/or the Rules and/or Policies established by the Commission.
(B) “Client/Patient” means: the recipient of psychological services, whether psychological services are delivered in the context of healthcare, corporate, supervision, and/or consulting services.
(C) “Commission” means: the national administrative body of which all states that have enacted the Compact are members.
(D) “Compact” means: Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT).
(E) “Compact State” means: a state, the District of Columbia, or United States territory that has enacted this Compact legislation and which has not withdrawn pursuant to Article XIII, Section C or has been terminated pursuant to Article XII, Section B. For purposes of this Compact, Compact State and Member State may be used interchangeably.
(F) “Home State” means: a Compact State where a psychologist is licensed to practice psychology. If the psychologist is licensed in more than one Compact State and is practicing under the Authorization to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology, the Home State is the Compact State where the psychologist is physically present when the telepsychological services are delivered. If the psychologist is licensed in more than one Compact State and is practicing under the Temporary Authorization to Practice, the Home State is any Compact State where the psychologist is licensed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Italicized definitions are mirrored directly from the PSYPECT Compact Language.