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PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT (PSYPACT) ANNOUNCED

GEORGIA – The Board of Directors of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) is proud to introduce the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT). The PSYPACT is an interstate compact designed to facilitate telehealth and temporary face-to-face practice of psychology across jurisdictional boundaries.

ASPPB CEO Dr. Steve DeMers remarked, “ASPPB is very excited to announce the development of PSYPACT, which offers a reasonable yet responsible way for qualified licensed psychologists to offer services across state lines for temporary practice or practice using telecommunications technology. This interstate compact approach has been used successfully by other health care professions to expand access to care while still protecting consumers of from unethical or incompetent providers.”

This initiative was developed by the ASPPB Telepsychology Task Force after consideration of feedback from the ASPPB member jurisdictions and other relevant stakeholders over the past several years. An interstate compact is an agreement between states to enact legislation and enter into a contract for a specific, limited purpose or address a particular policy issue. Compact agreements are unique in their duality as statute and contract. Once a state ratifies a compact, the provisions of the compact take precedence over conflicting state laws.

According to ASPPB President Martha Storie, “The PSYPACT will promote further cooperation and standardization of requirements among psychology licensing boards, and consequently, will serve to protect consumers of psychological services.”

ASPPB is very excited to introduce this initiative and during the next few months will be working with the Council of State Governments (CSG) to create a resource kit that will serve as an informational document in support of the new interstate compact. A dedicated website and educational webinars will also be created to facilitate access of information about the compact.

If you would like more information about the PSYPACT or have any questions, please email info@psypact.org.