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Stephen DeMers, Ed.D.
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Dear Dr. DeMers,

We write in support of the efforts of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) and its member psychology licensing boards in their work for the advancement of the practice of psychology via telehealth technologies (telepsychology) across state lines. Through the creation of the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT), The Trust recognizes that licensed psychologists will have the ability to practice telepsychology as well as provide temporary in-person, face-to-face psychological services for up to 30 days per calendar year within PSYPACT states without necessitating multiple licenses.

On October 16, 2015, The Trust Board unanimously voted to support ASPPB’s efforts to create regional licensing compacts to facilitate telepsychology practice for psychologists. The Trust, established in 1962, is an independent business trust offering insurance, financial security, and risk management programs for psychologists and related individuals nationwide.

The Trust monitors the ever-changing environment in the discipline and profession of psychology, including the need to address the practice of telepsychology across state lines. In conjunction with the American Psychological Association (APA) and ASPPB, The Trust co-authored the Guidelines for the Practice of Telepsychology. These guidelines were designed to assist psychologists in the incorporation of telecommunication technologies into their practices.

Like you, The Trust believes in the advancement of telepsychology in a way that increases access to care while providing a mechanism to protect the public. Please keep us apprised of the progress ASPPB makes to advance psychologists’ ability to practice in multiple states via telepsychology.

Sincerely,

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