

# PSYPACT Reducing Regulatory Barriers. Increasing Access to Mental Health Care.

Created by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB), the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) is an interstate compact that facilitates the practice of psychology using telecommunications technologies (telepsychology) and/or temporary in-person, face-to-face psychological practice.

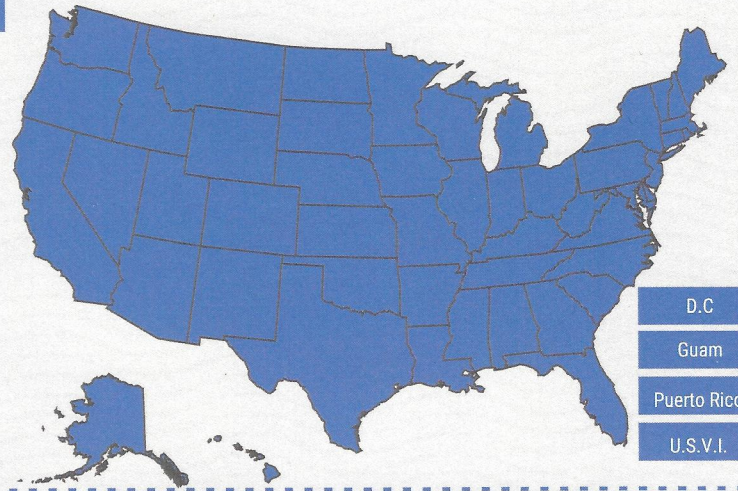
## ABOUT PSYPACT

PSYPACT is a cooperative agreement enacted into law by participating states

Addresses increased demand to provide/receive psychological services via electronic means (telepsychology)

Authorizes both telepsychology and temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology across state lines in PSYPACT states

PSYPACT states have the ability to regulate telepsychology and temporary in-person, face-to-face practice



## HOW PSYPACT WORKS



PSYPACT must be enacted by a state legislature. Once enacted, a state joins the PSYPACT Commission, the governing body of PSYPACT.



Psychologists licensed in a PSYPACT state can practice under PSYPACT via two different methods:

### Telepsychology:

Psychologists obtain an Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology from the PSYPACT Commission, which requires an active ASPPB E.Passport.

### Temporary Practice:

Psychologists obtain a Temporary Authorization to Practice from the PSYPACT Commission, which requires an active ASPPB IPC.



PSYPACT states communicate and exchange information including verification of licensure and disciplinary sanctions.

## BENEFITS OF PSYPACT



Increases client/patient access to care



Facilitates continuity of care when client/patient relocates, travels, etc.



Certifies that psychologists have met acceptable standards of practice



Promotes cooperation between PSYPACT states in the areas of licensure and regulation



Offers a higher degree of consumer protection across state lines

## HOW PSYPACT IMPACTS PSYCHOLOGISTS

Allows licensed psychologists to practice telepsychology and/or conduct temporary in-person, face-to-face practice across state lines without having to become licensed in additional PSYPACT states

Permits psychologists to provide services to populations currently underserved or geographically isolated

Standardizes time allowances for temporary practice regulations in PSYPACT states

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