**Understanding Telepractice Licensure Requirements**

If you have licensure in one state, can you provide telepractice services to a client in another state? Practitioners may have to dig deep to find the answer to this and other questions.

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Audiologists and speech-language pathologists trying to determine telepractice licensure requirements may find the search daunting. States have different laws and regulations—some of which are in flux—and it’s important to stay on top of changes in your state, as well as the states in which your clients live.

**Q** What are ASHA’s policies/guidance on telepractice?  
ASHA views telepractice as an appropriate service delivery model for speech-language and hearing services. Practitioners follow the same ASHA service delivery guidelines, scope of practice and Code of Ethics requirements that apply to face-to-face services, as well as any applicable state and federal laws. Practitioners must keep up with technology, licensure laws and potential clinical applications as telepractice evolves.

**Q** What are the state requirements?  
Each state varies in its view of telepractice, and some state licensure boards have not yet set telepractice requirements. Sixteen states regulate telepractice; two states define it; and two of the 16 states require some face-to-face visits along with the telepractice sessions.

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