

COVID-19: TRACKING OF STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS FOR TELEPRACTICE AND LICENSURE POLICY

The information below is collected from state statutes, regulations, and state licensure boards and departments responsible for regulating the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology. Updates will be provided as new information becomes available. Please contact your state licensure board or departments for additional information on the provision of telepractice service delivery during the COVID-19 pandemic. Below are recommended questions to ask the licensure board.

- What processes are currently in place to allow providers to deliver services via telepractice?
- Are there any emergency or temporary licensure exemptions or allowances being considered for out of state providers?
- Is there any active consideration of expedited licensure or waived requirements in light of the COVID-19 pandemic?

For more information on how to use telepractice, reimbursement or other issues please see: <https://www.asha.org/About/Telepractice-Resources-During-COVID-19/>.

If you have any additional questions, please contact your designated ASHA staff state liaison. Contact information is provided below.

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| AL | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Telesupervision allowed (see column #3). • Students (4th year): Telesupervision allowed (see column #3). • Assistants: Telepractice and telesupervision allowed (see columns #3) <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/AL/Alabama-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>Yes. Persons not licensed in any state may provide services for 7 days after notifying the board. Persons licensed in another state may provide services for 30 days after notifying the board.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/AL/licensure/</p> | <p>The Alabama Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology has issued an FAQ on telepractice and other rules during the COVID-19 outbreak. See: http://abespa.alabama.gov/COVID19.aspx</p> <p>ABESPA is temporarily allowing SLP's and AUD's who supervise Clinical Fellows (CF) and Fourth-Year Intern may provide telesupervision. Telesupervision was reinforced by the emergency rule that was passed by ABESPA on Friday, April 10, 2020 (this rule has been extended to 2021)</p> <p>ABESPA is temporarily allowing telesupervision of SLP and audiology assistants. See: https://services.statescape.com/RegsText/Static</p> |

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| | | | <p>Downloads/173548_300597.pdf (This rule has been extended to 2021)</p> <p>ABESPA has also waived notary requirements for all documents. See https://services.statescape.com/RegsText/StaticDownloads/173552_300598.pdf (This rule has been extended to 2021)</p> |
| AK | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Telesupervision allowed. SLPA telepractice not addressed. <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/AK/Alaska-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>Yes. The state may issue a temporary license to audiologists licensed in another state for up to 30 days. The state may issue a temporary license to SLPs licensed in another state up to 60 days.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/AK/licensure/</p> | <p>Under the extending public health disaster emergency, continuing until December 31, 2021, flexibilities are provided for health care providers utilizing telehealth if they are licensed, certified, or permitted in other jurisdictions. Allows the provision of telehealth without first conducting an in-person physical examination if certain requirements are met.</p> <p>http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Text/32?Hsid=HB0076Z</p> <p>Liberalizes telehealth benefits during the public health emergency. Insurers are directed to cover telehealth service categories no less generously than required by Medicare under the national public health emergency as long the Alaska public health emergency is in effect.</p> <p>https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=200788</p> <p>Extends insurers coverage of telehealth services to be no less than required by Medicare. Expires January 15, 2021 or when the Governor determines the public health disaster emergency no longer exists.</p> <p>https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=200788</p> <p>SB 241 waives certain telehealth requirements and addresses fees that may be charged for telehealth</p> |

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| | | | <p>services, allows the granting of a license, permit, or certificate on an expedited basis to individuals holding a corresponding license, permit, or certificate in good standing in another jurisdiction and extends the state emergency regarding the practice of telehealth. http://www.akleg.gov/PDF/31/Bills/SB0241Z.PDF</p> <p>The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development is requiring health insurers to liberalize telehealth benefits. https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/Portals/11/Pub/INS_R20-05.pdf</p> <p>HB 29 requires health care insurers to cover telehealth services provided by licensed health care provider http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Text/31?Hsid=HB0029Z</p> <p>Governor's Health Mandate 015 encouraging the use of telehealth, including telephones, for audiologists and speech-language pathologists. https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates/</p> <p>The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development is now allowing for faxed applications to expedite licensing processing time. Fax to 907-465-2974.</p> |
| AZ | <p>No. This state has no licensure laws or regulations for telepractice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Not addressed | <p>Yes. The Board may issue a temporary license while waiting on a license application to allow an applicant to practice if the applicant</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) holds an active and unrestricted license in another state; 2) has never had a license revoked or suspended; and 3) is not the subject of an unresolved | <p>Telepractice: The AZ. Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions is making allowances for temporary (provisional) licensing without passing an exam or submitting fingerprints for AZ. residents under certain circumstances for those meeting specified criteria as a result of the Governor's Executive Order 2020-17. https://difi.az.gov/covid19</p> |

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| | <p>Please contact the board for further information. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/AZ/</p> | <p>complaint against their license. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/AZ/licensure/</p> | <p>Additional regulatory guidance, including health care services organizations and hospitals, regarding telemedicine visits. https://apps.azsos.gov/public_services/register/2020/43/contents.pdf</p> <p>Governor’s Executive Order requiring health care insurance companies to expand telemedicine coverage for all services that would normally be covered for an in-person visit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/03/governor-ducey-expands-telemedicine-coverage-arizonans • https://insurance.az.gov/governors-executive-order-2020-15-expands-telemedicine-coverage-arizonans |
| AR | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Telesupervision allowed. SLPA telepractice allowed. <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/AR/Arkas-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>Yes. Persons licensed in another state may practice for up to 30 days in coordination with a licensed practitioner. Unlicensed persons eligible for licensure in AR may practice for up to 5 days in coordination with a licensed practitioner. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/AR/licensure/</p> | <p>Licensing renewal and CEU deadline extended to September 30. See https://www.abespa.com/</p> |
| CA | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Waives direct monitoring and personal observation supervision of required professional experience temporary | <p>Yes. Persons licensed in another state and who have submitted an application to become licensed in California may practice up to 6 months. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/CA/licensure/</p> | <p>Telepractice: Out-of-state licensed health care professionals can be authorized to practice in California through the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA). Licensed health care professionals can find the policy and procedures, authorization request form, and other information on this authorization on EMSA’s website</p> |

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| | <p>licensees as long as supervision is provided via appropriate electronic means pursuant to Executive Order N 29-30 (see second link below).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Waives on site supervision requirements and allowing supervision via electronic means pursuant to Executive Order N 29-30 (see second link below). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.speechandhearing.ca.gov/licensees/telehealth.shtml • https://www.dca.ca.gov/licensees/supervision_requirements_speech.pdf | | <p>here https://emsa.ca.gov/covid19/ or by emailing EMSA at Covid19@emsa.ca.gov.</p> <p>Governor’s Executive Order waiving licensing and scope of practice requirements during the declared emergency under a waiver based on sound clinical guidelines and the individual’s training, education, and work experience. https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.30.20-EO-N-39-20.pdf</p> <p>Waivers cited above. https://www.dca.ca.gov/licensees/dca_waivers.shtml</p> <p>Governor’s Executive Order addressing temporary waiving of criminal background checks for certain work settings. https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/4.16.20-EO-N-52-20-text.pdf</p> <p>Governor Newsom, through the California Department of Health Care Services, requested a federal waiver to cover Medi-Cal recipients and expand telehealth options, the press release for that request is available here https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/03/17/california-requests-federal-government-waiver-to-cover-medi-cal-recipients-and-expand-tele-health-options/.</p> <p>The Governor issued an Executive Order easing access to telehealth and suspending various penalties. https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/4.3.20-EO-N-43-20-text.pdf</p> <p>The Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs may, for 60 days from the date of this Order (March 30), waive any of the continuing education requirements in Divisions 2 and 3 of the Business and</p> |

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| | | | <p>Professions Code, and any accompanying regulations. This includes audiologists, SLPs, and SLPAs. https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.30.20-EO-N-40-20-text.pdf</p> <p>Additional licensure board guidance https://www.speechandhearing.ca.gov/licensees/covid19.shtml</p> |
| CO | <p>No. This state has no licensure laws or regulations for telepractice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Not addressed <p>Please contact the board for further information. https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/CO/Colorado-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>No. Persons licensed in another state may only practice in the place of an absent licensee in the state once in every 12-month period. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/CO/licensure/</p> | <p>Per the Governor’s Executive Order, D 2021 008, speech-language pathologists may administer the COVID-19 vaccination while working in a hospital, inpatient facility or outpatient setting as delegated by physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, certified registered nurse anesthetists, or professional nurses.</p> <p>https://www.colorado.gov/governor/sites/default/files/inline-files/D%202021%20008%20Med%20Surge%20Amendment.pdf</p> <p>Emergency rules, pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order 2020 271, allowing a temporary certificate to be issued to an applicant that is a new graduate of an approved speech language pathology program who meets all qualifications for certification with the exception of the required examination. Also allows the issuing of a temporary provisional certificate to an applicant that is a new graduate of an approved speech language pathology program who meets all qualifications for provisional certification with the exception of the required examination. Expiration dates of temporary certificates vary. https://www.sos.state.co.us/CCR/GenerateRulePdf.do?ruleVersionId=9325&fileName=4%20CCR%20748-1</p> |

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| | | | <p>Emergency rules pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order 2020 271 for the expanded scope of practice for SLPs to perform services while working in a hospital or inpatient facility as delegated by physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, certified registered nurse anesthetists, professional nurses and respiratory therapists. https://www.sos.state.co.us/CCR/GenerateRulePdf.do?ruleVersionId=9325&fileName=4%20CCR%20748-1</p> <p>Effective January 23, 2021, Outpatient Occupational Therapy (OT), Outpatient Physical Therapy (PT) and Outpatient Speech Therapy (ST) services provided via telehealth (billed as Place of Service 02 - Telehealth) do not require Electronic Visit Verification records. Home Health Agencies providing OT, PT and ST services via telehealth continue to require EVV records when billing. Contact EVV@state.co.us with questions.</p> <p>Emergency regulation requiring carriers offering health benefit plans to reimburse providers for provision of telehealth services using non-public facing audio or video communication products during the COVID-19 nationwide public health emergency.</p> <p>This emergency regulation replaces emergency regulation 20-E-11. It extends the timeframe for the requirements in emergency regulation 20-E-11 without any substantive changes.</p> <p>https://doi.colorado.gov/announcements/notice-of-adoption-of-emergency-regulation-20-e-16-concerning-coverage-and#:~:text=The%20purpose%20of%20this%20emergency,19%20nationwide%20public%20health%20emergency.</p> |

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| | | | <p>Expands the use of telemedicine in certain settings and the definition of visit. Emergency rule expires on 11/7/2020. https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Doc%2008%20MSB%2020-07-01-A%20Emergency%20-%20Jul%202020.pdf</p> <p>Governor’s Executive Order 2020-116 extending 30 days from June 27 provisions relating to the expansion of telehealth services. https://www.colorado.gov/governor/sites/default/files/inline-files/D%202020%20116%20Telehealth%20Extension.pdf</p> <p>Governor’s Executive Order on telehealth (includes allowing the use of telephones): https://drive.google.com/file/d/1c6VJEY7vbvrlZj5-mS1uAvYFsD0eBoZP/view</p> <p>Governor’s Executive Order extending certain licenses for providers of services under Medicaid. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rv-4MmdsXja5VEPHV8_ber4Sk7QnhlI3/view</p> <p>Governor’s Executive Order allowing certain practitioners to train, supervise, and delegate responsibilities to medical professionals in a number of fields, including speech-language pathology, as long as such delegated responsibilities are appropriate based on the delegated professional’s education, training, and experience. https://www.colorado.gov/governor/sites/default/files/inline-files/D%202020%20038%20Medical%20Surge.pdf</p> |

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| | | | <p>Rule implementing Executive Order 2020 38 providing temporary certificates to new SLP graduates who have not taken the required exam. http://custom.statenet.com/public/resources.cgi?id=ID:reg:CO202015920&cuiq=e9c80003-7a59-557f-b6aa-9d95ee38505c&client_md=9ac51c95e73286b08d19d57d77d6db66&mode=current_text</p> <p>Regulations allowing for telemedicine practice for certain settings during COVID-19. https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Doc%2001%20MSB%2020-03-17-A%20Emergency%20-%20Mar%202020.pdf</p> <p>Emergency rules under the Department of Labor and Employment establishing procedures for Workers' Compensation applicable during the state of emergency that include telehealth services. https://drive.google.com/file/d/16Am2xEYkdTj8k0DB3npG9mQ53kMLTZi6/view</p> |
| CT | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Not addressed <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2018/ACT/pa/2018PA-00148-R00SB-00302-PA.htm</p> | <p>Yes. Persons licensed or certified in another state, may offer their services in state for a total of not more than 30 days in any calendar year. Unlicensed persons from another state may offer speech-language pathology or audiology services, provided such person meets requirements for state licensure, and services are performed for no more than 5 days in any calendar year. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/CT/licensure/</p> | <p>Out of State Licensure: Executive Order 7HHH and Commissioner's Order allows persons who are appropriately licensed, certified or registered in another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, to render temporary assistance in Connecticut within the scope of the profession for which a provider is licensed, certified or registered. https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7HHH.pdf</p> <p>https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Coronavirus/20200714-DPH-order-on-out-of-state-practitioners-for-duration-of-pandemic.pdf</p> |

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| | | | <p>Executive Order 10A extends the out of state licensure provisions through April 19, 2021. https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-10A.pdf</p> <p>Telepractice: HB 6001 expands health providers authorized to provide telehealth services, including audio-only telephone, and requires reimbursement of services through March 15, 2021. https://www.cga.ct.gov/2020/BA/PDF/2020HB-06001-R00SS1-BA.PDF</p> <p>Telehealth providers that are Medicaid enrolled providers providing covered telehealth services to established patients who are Medicaid recipients, or telehealth providers that are in-network providers for commercial fully insured health insurance providing covered telehealth services to patients with whom there is an existing provider-patient relationship, may engage in telehealth through the use of audio-only telephone. Requirements for the licensure, certification or registration of these telehealth providers shall be suspended, in accordance with any related orders issued by the Commissioner of Public Health pursuant to her established authority as a result of this declared public health and civil preparedness. https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7G.pdf</p> <p>Audio only telehealth has been expanded to include new provider-patient relationships. https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7FF.pdf</p> |

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| | | | <p>Continuing Education: Requirements for continuing education are suspended for one (1) year for occupations and professions with annual education requirements for the duration of the public health emergency. https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7DD.pdf</p> <p>Licensing Renewal: Under Executive Order 70 and Commissioner's Orders, licensing renewal requirements are suspended for the duration of the public health emergency. https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7O.pdf?la=en&hash=2E090F8299EA00F6F044FE968E8F61F0</p> <p>https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Coronavirus/20200330-DPH-order-on-License-Renewals.pdf?la=en&hash=B24FB652069E901B5EB5822CD6B6A752</p> <p>Liability Protection: Governor Lamont has issued an Executive Order to afford health care practitioners protection against liability for good faith actions taken in response https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7V.pdf</p> |
| DE | Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice. | Yes. Non-residents who are not licensed in this state may provide speech-language pathology or audiology services if such services are | <p>Telepractice: Any out-of-state healthcare provider, who would otherwise be permitted to provide telemedicine services in Delaware, may provide telemedicine</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CF: Not addressed Students: Not addressed Assistants: Not addressed <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/DE/Delaware-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>performed for not more than 30 days in any calendar year and in cooperation with a licensed individual, if the person meets the requirements for licensure in this state, holds a valid license in another state with equivalent requirements, or holds a CCC.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/DE/licensure/</p> | <p>services to a Delaware resident if they hold an active license in another jurisdiction.</p> <p>https://governor.delaware.gov/health-soe/second-state-of-emergency/</p> <p>License Renewal and Continuing Education: License renewal dates will remain the same. License renewal is accomplished online. When completing your on-line renewal, the continuing education attestation page will ask if you have been unable to complete your required continuing education due to the Governor's declared state of emergency. Any licensee who attests that s/he has had difficulty completing CEs before renewal due to the declared state of emergency will be immediately granted additional time to complete their CEs. If the declared state of emergency has impacted your ability to complete your CEs, you will be given until sixty days after the lifting of the state of emergency to complete your CEs for this renewal cycle.</p> <p>https://dpr.delaware.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/93/2020/03/CE-Deadline-Extension-Letter-CPR.pdf</p> <p>Reimbursement Insurance coverage for telepractice is extended until July 1, 2021.</p> <p>https://regulations.delaware.gov/register/november2020/final/24%20DE%20Reg%20488%2011-01-20.pdf</p> |
| DC | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CF: Telesupervision and telepractice allowed | <p>No. DC law does not address emergency provisions.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/DC/licensure/</p> | <p>Telepractice: Guidance on the Use of Telehealth in the District of Columbia.</p> <p>https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/DCWASH/2020/03/12/file_attachments/1399623/Memo%20-%20Guidance%20on%20the%20Use%20of%20Telehealth.pdf</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students: Telesupervision not allowed. SLPA telepractice not addressed. Assistants: Not addressed <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/DC/District-of-Columbia-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | | <p>Temporary Licensure: Any healthcare provider who is licensed in their home jurisdiction in their field of expertise who is providing healthcare to DC residents shall be deemed a temporary agent of DC and may provide healthcare services to individuals in DC, including telehealth.</p> <p>https://dchealth.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/page_content/attachments/Order%20-%20Licensure%20Waivers.20.03.13.pdf</p> |
| FL | <p>Yes. Persons with an out of state license do not need to hold a Florida license to see clients via telepractice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CF: Not addressed Students: Not addressed Assistants: Telesupervision allowed and telepractice allowed for SLPAs and Audiology Assistants under certain conditions. For SLPAs see https://floridasspeechaudiology.gov/forms/Emergency-Rule-64B20ER20-23.pdf. For Aud Assistants see https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ruleno.asp?id=64B20-4.0046 <p>Persons must register with the Dept. of Medical Quality Assurance: http://www.flhealthsource.gov/telehealth/</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/FL/Florida-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>Yes. Persons licensed by another state as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist who provide services for no more than 5 calendar days per month or 15 calendar days per year under the direct supervision of a Florida-licensed SLP or audiologist.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/FL/licensure/</p> | <p>Telepractice: The FL licensing board has issued new rules allowing assistants practice remotely in some instances. See: https://floridasspeechaudiology.gov/forms/Emergency-Rule-64B20ER20-23.pdf and https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ruleno.asp?id=64B20-4.0046</p> |
| GA | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> | <p>No. GA law does not address emergency provisions.</p> | <p>If your Paid Clinical Experience (PCE) training program has been affected, interrupted by the current COVID-19 Pandemic/State of Emergency, and if your PCET</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Aides and Assistants: Telesupervision allowed. SLPA telepractice not allowed. <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/GA/Georgia-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/GA/licensure/</p> | <p>permit is currently in active status and within one (1) to two (2) months of its expiration date, you may request a six (6) month renewal of your temporary permit if needed to complete your training experience.</p> <p>E-mail your request for renewal to ExamBoards-Healthcare@sos.state.ga.gov, attention S. Collett.</p> |
| HI | <p>No. This state has no licensure laws or regulations for telepractice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Not addressed <p>Please contact the board for further information. https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/HI/Hawaii-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>Yes. Governor’s Executive Order states that for emergency management functions, to the extent necessary, it allows practice by an out-of state speech pathologist or audiologist with a current and active license, or those previously licensed but who are no longer current and active, to practice in Hawai’i without a license; provided that they have never had their license revoked or suspended and are hired by a state or county agency or entity, or by a hospital, including related clinics and rehabilitation hospitals, nursing home, hospice, pharmacy, clinical laboratory, or other health care entity. This continues through October 31, 2020, unless terminated or superseded by a separate proclamation, whichever shall occur first.</p> <p>https://governor.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2009139-ATG_Thirteenth-Supplementary-Proclamation-for-COVID-19-distribution-signed.pdf</p> | <p>Hawai’i Licensure Board offices are currently closed because of COVID-19 and staff so do not have access to licensure applications that are being processed. An online application review process is being developed.</p> <p>Governor’s Executive Order providing certain liability protections to audiologists and speech-language pathologists rendering assistance in response to COVID-19.</p> <p>https://governor.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2009139-ATG_Thirteenth-Supplementary-Proclamation-for-COVID-19-distribution-signed.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Licensure Board will be issuing an informal opinion authorizing certain licensed practitioners to provide telehealth during the emergency period (as determined by the Governor). • https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/files/2020/04/speech_200415_draft.pdf |

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| ID | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Telesupervision allowed and telepractice allowed. • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Not addressed <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/ID/Idaho-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> <p>HB 242-Further defines telehealth technologies and services (effective 7/1/20)</p> <p>https://legislature.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sessioninfo/2020/legislation/H0342E1.pdf</p> | <p>No. ID law does not address emergency provisions.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/ID/licensure/</p> | <p>Governor’s Executive Order suspending rules including the Idaho Telehealth Access Act to more quickly respond to the COVID-19 emergency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/proclamation_waiving-regulations_042420.pdf • https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/tITLE54/t54ch57/sect54-5705/ |
| IL | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Remote supervision allowed (see second link below) • Assistants: Not allowed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/IL/Illinois-Telepractice-Requirements/ • https://www.idfpr.com/Forms/COVID19/7-Guidance%20for%20Students%20Pursuing%20Speech-Language%20Pathology%20or%20Audiology%20Licenses.pdf | <p>Yes. Persons holding a license in another state, territory, or the District of Columbia who has made application for an Illinois license, may practice speech-language pathology or audiology for 90 days from the date of application or until Department disposition, whichever is sooner, if they have their CCCs or a certificate from the ABA and providing there are no pending disciplinary matters elsewhere.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/IL/licensure/</p> | <p>Telepractice: The Governor issued an executive order related to the use of telemedicine (2020-09) by licensed health professionals. The order provides a definition of telehealth, addresses insurance coverage and lists the covered health care professionals. Speech-language pathologist and audiologist are included in the list. All speech-language pathologists and audiologists who wish to practice telehealth in Illinois must be licensed, registered, certified or authorized to practice in the state. Guidance issued on March 9th further allow audiologists and SLPs to supervise students remotely using video or audio technology</p> <p>Governor Pritzker issued Executive Order 2020-9 on telehealth services (Executive Order to Expand Telehealth Services and Protect Health Care Providers</p> |

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| | | | <p>in Response to COVID-19). Executive Order 2020-9 permits an out-of-state health care provider not licensed in Illinois to continue to provide health care services to an Illinois patient via telehealth where there is a previously established provider/patient relationship. The Department deems such a provider to be "authorized to practice in the State of Illinois" pursuant to Section 5 of the Executive Order without further need to obtain licensure in Illinois</p> <p>The Illinois Part C Early Intervention (EI) Teletherapy service delivery model has been created and the final steps are being finished to implement this week. The Illinois Telehealth workgroup members developed Guidance (policy/procedure) and Training for the implementation and practice of the first-ever Illinois EI Teletherapy. The Bureau has cleared all Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services requisites to put this into motion. The necessary system change requests have been submitted and are currently being processed. It is anticipated to be ready for release Monday evening 4/5/2020. You are encouraged to begin communicating with families in preparation of engaging them and preparing them for this option for EI services beginning this week.</p> <p>Currently, there are no guidance for unlicensed speech-language pathologists and audiologists to provide services in the state. The order can be viewed here: https://www2.illinois.gov/Documenthots/ExecOrders/2020/ExecutiveOrder-2020-09.pdf</p> <p>EO 2035 section 15: defining "direct supervision" of speech-language pathology assistants as "on-site, in-view observation and guidance by a speech-language pathologist" is suspended for the limited purpose of</p> |

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| | | | <p>allowing speech-language pathology assistants to receive supervision by speech-language pathologists by way of video conferencing technology. https://www2.illinois.gov/Pages/Executive-Orders/ExecutiveOrder2020-35.aspx</p> <p>Executive Order 2020-48 extends the telehealth provisions of 2020-09 through August 22, 2020. https://www2.illinois.gov/Pages/Executive-Orders/ExecutiveOrder2020-48.aspx</p> <p>Executive Order 2020-52 extend the telehealth provisions of 2020-09 through September 19, 2020: https://www2.illinois.gov/Pages/Executive-Orders/ExecutiveOrder2020-52.aspx</p> <p>Executive Order 2020-55 extend the telehealth provisions of 2020-09 through October 17, 2020: https://www2.illinois.gov/Pages/Executive-Orders/ExecutiveOrder2020-55.aspx</p> <p>Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) issued emergency rule changes to the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act on October 2, 2020. The pandemic has made it difficult for licensees to complete their continuing education (CE) requirements as half of their continuing education must be completed in person. Amendments were promulgated that allow for licensees to renew their licenses in compliance with CE requirements.</p> <p>The proposed amendments update the supervision requirements for speech and audiology students and the observation requirements for SLPs and audiologist fulling their professional experience requirement by</p> |

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| | | | allowing supervision or observation to occur onsite or remotely. |
| IN | <p>No. This state has no licensure laws or regulations for telepractice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Not addressed <p>Please contact the board for further information. https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/IN/Indiana-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>Yes. Nonresidents who do not possess a state license but who meets the qualifications and requirements for application for licensure may offer services for no more than 5 days per calendar year in cooperation with a state-licensed individual. Persons licensed in another state with equivalent standards or a CCC holder or its equivalent may offer services for no more than 30 days per calendar year in cooperation with a state-licensed individual.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/IN/licensure/</p> | <p>Executive order 20-05 Section 10 allows health care providers licensed in another state to practice in IN without holding an Indiana license. https://www.in.gov/gov/files/EO_20-05.pdf</p> <p>Executive Order 20-13 permits PT, OT and SLPs to practice via telemedicine but are not authorized to using audio only means. It also requires out of state providers to obtain temporary authorization to provide health care services. https://www.in.gov/gov/files/Executive%20Order%2020-13%20Medical%20Surge.pdf</p> <p>Executive Order 20-38 extend the public health emergency including EO 20-05 and 20-13 through September 3, 2020 https://www.in.gov/gov/files/Executive%20Order%2020-38%20(5th%20Extension%20of%20the%20Public%20Health%20Emergency).pdf</p> <p>Executive Order 20-41 extends the public health emergency through October 3, 2020 https://www.in.gov/gov/files/Executive%20Order%2020-41%20(Sixth%20Renewal%20of%20Emergency%20Declaration).pdf</p> <p>Executive Order extends the public health emergency for an additional 30 days beyond the current expiration date: December 31, 2020. https://www.in.gov/gov/files/Executive-Order-20-49-</p> |

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| | | | Ninth-Renewal-of-Emergency-Declaration.pdf |
| IA | <p>No. This state has no licensure laws or regulations for telepractice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Not addressed <p>Please contact the board for further information. https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/IA/Iowa-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>Yes. Nonresidents may apply to the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology for a temporary permit to practice speech-language pathology or audiology for a period not to exceed 3 months whenever in the opinion of the Board the need exists; the individual must have substantially the same qualifications as those required for an Iowa license. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/IA/licensure/</p> | <p>Telepractice: Section 9 of Governor Reynolds' March 17 State of Public Health Disaster Emergency provides as follows: Pursuant to Iowa Code § 29C.6 (6):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • temporarily suspend the regulatory provisions of Iowa Code § 147.137 and Iowa Admin. Code rule 653-13.11, rule 641-155.2, and other implementing administrative rules establishing preconditions, limitations, or restrictions on the provision of telehealth or telemedicine services, and • temporarily suspend the regulatory provisions of Iowa Admin. Code rules 641-155.21(19) and 155.23(4) and other administrative rules which require face-to-face interactions with health care providers and impose requirements for residential and outpatient substance use disorder treatment and for face-to-face visitations. <p>Any current administrative rules placing limitations on the provision of telehealth has been suspended. Importantly, the licensing requirements are not suspended. One must still have an Iowa license to provide telehealth services to an Iowa patient. https://governor.iowa.gov/press-release/gov-reynolds-issues-a-state-of-public-health-disaster-emergency</p> <p>Governor Reynolds issued a proclamation on April 24th, Section 7 Out-of-State Telehealth Provider Licensure allowing audiologists and SLPs who hold an active license in another state to practice in IA without obtaining an IA license pursuant to Iowa Code 29C.6.(6). Providers may use telehealth or provide services via the telephone. https://governor.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/</p> |

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| | | | <p>Public%20Health%20Proclamation%20-%202020.04.24.pdf</p> <p>Executive Order 2020.07.24 Section 64-65 issued July 24th continues reimbursement of telehealth services the same as face-to-face and allows for telephone only services. It provides that services delivered via telehealth be covered the same as face-to-face. It also continues to suspend rules for limitations on licensing allowing practitioners to practice across state lines.</p> <p>https://governor.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Public%20Health%20Proclamation%20-%202020.07.24%20%282%29.pdf</p> <p>Executive Order 2021.03.05 Section Ninety continues to suspend rules that require out of state audiologists and SLPs to hold an IA license to provide telehealth services to state residents and is in effect through April 4, 2021.</p> <p>https://governor.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Public%20Health%20Proclamation%20-%202021.03.05.pdf</p> |
| KS | <p>No. This state has no licensure laws or regulations for telepractice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Not addressed <p>Please contact the board for further information. https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/KS/Kansas-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>No. KS law does not address emergency provisions. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/KS/licensure/</p> | <p>Executive order 20-08 directs the KS Board of Healing Arts to grant temporary licensure to any applicant that the board determines meet sufficient qualifications to protect the public health and waive any additional licensure requirements during COVID19 pandemic. https://governor.kansas.gov/executive-order-no-20-08/</p> <p>EO 20-23 extends renewals for licensure and under KDADS https://governor.kansas.gov/executive-order-no-20-23/</p> <p>EO 20-39 extends renewal deadlines for any occupational or professional license, certificate, permit, or registration issued by a state agency or any board,</p> |

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| | | | <p>commission, division, or other licensing authority within a state agency to any individual, business, or organization, that was in good standing as of March 12, 2020, and that has expired or will expire during the State of Disaster Emergency, and such licenses, certificates, permits, and registrations shall remain valid until 90 days following the termination of the State of Disaster Emergency.</p> <p>Further the order extends the deadlines for any continuing education requirements mandated by any state agency or any board, commission, division or other licensing authority until 90 days following the termination of the State of Disaster Emergency. https://governor.kansas.gov/executive-order-no-20-39/</p> <p>Executive Order 20-64 was issued by Governor Kelly on September 10th that extends executive order 20-39 concerning renewal deadlines and the extension of the continuing education requirements until 90 days after the termination of the emergency disaster declaration or January 26,2021 https://governor.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/EO-20-64-Executed.pdf</p> |
| <p>KY</p> | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not clearly defined • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Not addressed <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/KY/Kentucky-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>Yes. Audiologist or SLPs from another state that meet Kentucky qualifications and requirements, but are unlicensed, may perform services for up to 5 days. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/KY/licensure/</p> <p>See column #3 for update on out-of-state licensees.</p> | <p>Per the Governor’s Executive Order, the KY Board is waiving licensing requirements for telehealth and only requiring registration. Other telehealth rules are also being temporarily waived or altered. See more at https://slp.ky.gov/</p> <p>Kentucky Medicaid has issued a new emergency rule expanding telehealth coverage and it includes coverage for store and forward and phone-only services). See: https://services.statescape.com/ssu/Regs/ss_8586128823004228253.pdf</p> |

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| LA | <p>Yes. The provider must register with the state and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice (state licensure not required for out-of-state licensees).</p> <p>Telesupervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Telesupervision and telepractice allowed • Students: Telesupervision allowed. Telepractice not allowed. • Assistants: Telesupervision allowed. Telepractice not addressed. <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/LA/Louisiana-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>Yes. Temporary registration for licensees from other U.S. jurisdictions may be allowed pursuant to a declared state of emergency.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/LA/licensure/</p> | <p>Coverage: Under emergency regulations, insurers and the state Medicaid program are required to cover services delivered via telehealth, including in some circumstances phone-only services. See: https://services.statescape.com/RegsText/StaticDownloads/170142_298952.pdf and https://services.statescape.com/ssu/Regs/ss_8586142033182011441.pdf#page=12 (page 12).</p> |
| ME | <p>No. This state has no licensure laws or regulations for telepractice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Telesupervision allowed with indirect supervision. Telepractice not addressed. • Students: Telesupervision allowed with indirect supervision. Telepractice not addressed. • Assistants: Telesupervision allowed with indirect supervision. Telepractice not addressed. <p>Please contact the board for further information. https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/ME/Maine-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>No. ME law does not address emergency provisions.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/ME/licensure/</p> | <p>Telepractice/Temporary Licensure: Anyone who held an active Maine license that was not a conditional license or any person who holds an active license issued by another state, was in good standing with the State and not the subject of any outstanding complaint or open investigation when the license terminated, and had no disciplinary or adverse action in the past ten years involving loss of license, probation, restriction, or limitation, shall have his/her license immediately reactivated upon request, and such license shall remain valid until 60 days after the conclusion of the declared state of civil emergency unless surrendered. Any individual licensed under this section may provide health care services in-person in Maine or across state lines into Maine using telemedicine or telehealth, including video and audio, audio only or by other electronic means. License</p> |

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| | | | <p>application fees for licenses issued pursuant to this paragraph are waived. https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/sites/maine.gov/governor.mills/files/inline-files/EO%2035.pdf</p> |
| <p>MD</p> | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Not allowed <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/MD/Maryland-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>Yes. Audiologists, SLPs, and SLPAs licensed in another state may practice while their completed application for licensure is pending before the Board. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/MD/licensure/</p> | <p>Telepractice: During the state of emergency, an audiologist or SLP with a current, unexpired license from another state may provide telehealth services into the state of Maryland 1) if the out of state licensee has an established relationship with the client that was established prior to the state of emergency, 2) the relationship was established in the state of the audiologist or SLPs license; and 3) the provision of telehealth is necessary for the continuity of care. Any services provided must be in accordance with Maryland regulations. https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MDDHMHBC/2020/05/08/file_attachments/1446685/05.08.2020-%20-%20MDH%20Sec%20Order%20-%20Audiologists%20Out%20of%20State%20Telehealth.pdf</p> <p>Telehealth includes audio-only calls. https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Telehealth-Amended-4.1.20.pdf</p> <p>Reimbursement: Health care practitioners licensed to provide may be reimbursed for audio only services through the Maryland Medical Assistance Program. https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Medicaid-Telehealth-3.20.20.pdf</p> |

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| | | | <p>License Renewal: Any license that expires or is renewable during the state of emergency is extended to the 30th day after the state of emergency is lifted. https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Licenses-Permits-Registration.pdf</p> <p>Scope of Practice: A Health Care Practitioner may engage in activities that are not authorized by his/her license at a health care facility in Maryland if doing so is necessary to allow the health care facility to meet required staffing ratios or otherwise ensure the continued and safe delivery of health care services; and qualified supervisory personnel at the health care facility:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. reasonably conclude that the health care practitioner can competently engage in such activities, and; 2. reasonably supervise the health care practitioner while he/she is engaged in such activities. <p>https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Executive-Order-Health-Care-Matters.pdf</p> |
| MA | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Telesupervision allowed with indirect supervision. Telepractice not addressed. | <p>No. MA does not address emergency provisions. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/MA/licensure/</p> | <p>The board voted to approve a temporary policy. It will remain in effect for the duration of the state of emergency.</p> <p>Telepractice: The policy waives the in-person evaluation requirement and eliminates the need for training in advance of delivering telepractice services with the condition that the licensee obtain the 10 hours of training within four months of the start of telepractice.</p> |

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| | <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/MA/Massachusetts-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | | <p>The policy requirement that the telepractice be administered to a client who is “clinically appropriate and has a medical need” refers to the normal professional judgement employed in determining that a client is eligible to participate in speech-language pathology or audiology services.</p> <p>Clinical Fellows The Board indicated that, with respect to telepractice by clinical fellows, one should look to ASHA guidelines at https://www.asha.org/Certification/COVID-19-Guidance-From-CFCC/.</p> <p>Graduate Students The Board further indicated that graduate student clinicians may utilize telepractice, provided that they receive 100% of direct supervision in real time by a licensed clinical supervisor.</p> <p>Assistants If assistants are conducting teletherapy, then all of the Board’s regulations would still be applicable: the supervisors of the assistants would be required to provide at least 20% of direct and indirect supervision with a minimum of 10% of direct supervision; the supervisors would be responsible for determining whether or not the assistants had the professional and technical skills to provide the teletherapy; and the limitations on assistants’ scope of practice continue to apply.</p> <p>License Renewal: Licensees whose licenses, during the state of emergency, has expired or will expire but is otherwise in good standing, is hereby extended and shall remain</p> |

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| | | | <p>valid until 90 days following the termination of the state of emergency.</p> <p>Continuing Education: Licensees whose licenses are extended and remain valid until 90 days following the termination of the state of emergency are likewise granted an extension until 90 days following the termination of the state of emergency to complete continuing education required for the renewal.</p> <p>https://www.mass.gov/doc/license-renewal-continuing-education-and-telepractice-during-the-state-of-emergency-for/download</p> |
| <p>MI</p> | <p>No. This state has no licensure laws or regulations for telepractice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Telepractice and telesupervision allowed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Not addressed <p>Please contact the board for further information. https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/MI/Michigan-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>No. MI does not address emergency provisions. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/MI/licensure/</p> | <p>Reimbursement: Governor Whitmer announced that her administration will expand access to telemedicine for Michiganders by immediately allowing Medicaid beneficiaries to receive services in their home while the state combats the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). In addition, insurance plans like Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Blue Care Network of Michigan, Priority Health, Meridian, CVS Health, McLaren, and Health Alliance Plan also announced that they will cover and encourage the use of virtual care and telemedicine, as well as waive cost-sharing for COVID-19 testing. That information can be found here.</p> <p>Telepractice: The telehealth provisions in the Public Health Code, 368 PA of 1978, apply to all health professionals regulated by the code. Sections 16283 through 16288 of the code, provide below regulate health professionals who choose to use telehealth.</p> |

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| MN | <p data-bbox="205 1003 804 1084">Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul data-bbox="254 1125 611 1214" style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Not addressed <p data-bbox="205 1252 804 1308">https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/MN/Minn-esota-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p data-bbox="833 1003 1299 1117">No. MN law does not address emergency provisions. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/MN/licensure/</p> | <p data-bbox="1329 1003 1980 1260">Telepractice: SB 4334 has expanded the definition of originating site to include a patient's residence if the patient is receiving health care services or consultations by means of telemedicine. https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?number=SF4334&version=latest&session=ls91&session_year=2020&session_number=0</p> <p data-bbox="1329 1297 1959 1485">Reimbursement: For billing questions on whether services are covered, please contact the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Partners and Providers (https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/) and various insurance payors.</p> | | | | | | |

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| | | | <p>April 17th Guidance for the US Department of Homeland Security identified SLPs in health care settings as critical infrastructure workers. https://www.cisa.gov/publication/guidance-essential-critical-infrastructure-workforce</p> <p>As a result, the MN Department of Health which oversees the Audiology and SLP advisory committee is seeking waivers to extend licensure renewals and extend the expiration dates for temporary licensure. If the waiver is approved by the Governor's office, late fees will also be waived.</p> <p>Update from the MN Department of Health: 12/2020 The provision of speech-pathology or audiology services in Minnesota through telepractice, electronic, or other means, regardless of the location of the speech-language pathologist or audiologist, shall constitute the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology and shall require Minnesota licensure. Please note that the Minnesota Department of Health licensing requirement does not include individuals who have a current speech language pathologist license issued by the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board and work with K-12 students. https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/providers/slpa/telepractice.html</p> |
| MS | <p>No formal policy. This state has no licensure laws or regulations for telepractice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Not addressed | <p>Yes. Non-licensed persons who meet the qualifications for licensure may offer speech-language pathology or audiology services for no more than 5 days in any calendar year if provided in cooperation with a state licensed SLP</p> | <p>Telepractice: State officials have indicated that telepractice is not prohibited. Medicaid is allowing for telepractice and reimbursing for it during the emergency: https://services.statescape.com/RegsText/StaticDownloads/170017_296032.pdf</p> |

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| | <p>Please contact the board for further information. https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/MS/Mississippi-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>or audiologist. Persons licensed under the laws of another state with equivalent requirements or who holds a CCC may offer speech-language pathology or audiology services for no more than 30 days in any calendar year if provided in cooperation with a state licensed SLP or audiologist. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/MS/licensure/</p> | <p>The Mississippi Speech-Language Hearing Association (MSHA) has issued guidance for its members: https://msha.z2systems.com/neon/resource/msha/files/telehealth%20guidelines%20final.pdf?secureIdCustomer=1&</p> |
| <p>MO</p> | <p>No. This state has no licensure laws or regulations for telepractice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Telesupervision allowed. Telepractice not addressed. <p>Please contact the board for further information. https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/MO/Missouri-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>No. MO law does not address emergency provisions. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/MO/licensure/</p> | <p>Telepractice: On March 18, 2020 the Governor issued Executive Order 20-04, granting the Directors of several state agencies, including the Department of Health and Senior Services and the Department of Commerce and Insurance the authority to temporarily waive or suspend the operation of statutes and regulations, ...The Department is issuing this Bulletin to assist individuals and entities regulated by the Department who are seeking to provide or obtain services via telehealth. ...Telehealth allows consumers to access healthcare services – including services like mental health services, physical therapy, and speech therapy– while maintaining appropriate social distancing...Under section 376.1900 RSMo, health carriers in Missouri are required to provide coverage for health care services provided by a health care provider via telehealth in the same manner ...Under the authority described in Executive Order 20-04, the general requirement that health care providers be licensed in the State of Missouri in order to provide care via telehealth in this state, as specified in section 191.1145.3, has been waived. This includes audiology aides, assistants and speech-language pathology assistants. Accordingly, while this bulletin is in effect, the Director will not take an enforcement action against</p> |

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| | | | <p>any health carrier when the health carrier provides coverage for services provided via telehealth by a health care provider who is licensed in another state but not licensed in the state of Missouri.” This bulletin is effective until May 15, 2020, unless extended by the Director. Pending rules include the following: Licensed providers may return to practice without reinstating their license and there are no penalties for practicing on an expired license during a state of emergency</p> <p>Executive Order 20-10 extended the provisions of 20-04, 05 and 08 until June 15, 2020 unless extended. These include access to telehealth services and interstate practice.</p> <p>Executive Order 20-12 extends the provisions of 20-04 which suspends the requirements for licensure in the state allowing out-of-state health care practitioners to provide telehealth services in the state without a Missouri license through December 30, 2020. https://www.sos.mo.gov/library/reference/orders/2020/e012</p> <p>Executive Order 20-19 extends the provisions of 20-04 which allows audiologists and SLPs regulated by the Department to provide services via telehealth and suspends the requirements for licensure in the state allowing out-of-state health care practitioners to provide telehealth services in the state without a Missouri license through March 31, 2021. https://www.sos.mo.gov/library/reference/orders/2020/e019</p> |
| MT | Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice. | Yes Licensure Exemption Provisions: Unlicensed persons may provide | HB 43 expands the definition of telehealth to include audio, video, or other telecommunications technology or media, including audio-only |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Not authorized by statute <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/MT/Montana-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>speech-language pathology or audiology services for no more than 5 days per calendar year if services are performed in cooperation with a state-licensed SLP or audiologist.</p> <p>Temporary Provisions: Nonresident persons, licensed in another state, with established licensure requirements at least equivalent to Montana, may offer services for no more than 30 days per calendar year if performed in cooperation with a state-licensed SLP or audiologist.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/MT/licensure/</p> | <p>communication. Also, clarifies requirements around insurance coverage.</p> <p>https://leg.mt.gov/bills/2021/billhtml/HB0043.htm</p> <p>Licensure board COVID-19 FAQs including emergency healthcare registration requirements for out-of-state licensees.</p> <p>http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/Portals/133/Documents/slp/SLP_FAQ-COVID-19.pdf?ver=2020-03-18-173859-990</p> <p>Implements the Governor’s Executive Orders expanding telehealth allowances and reimbursement provisions for audiologists and speech-language pathologists including restating that the Montana Department of Labor and Industry may provide interstate licensure recognition whenever a state of emergency or disaster is in effect.</p> <p>https://covid19.mt.gov/Portals/223/Documents/Directive%20on%20Telehealth%203%2023%2020.pdf?ver=2020-03-24-155032-517</p> <p>Allows for telehealth via telephone.</p> <p>https://covid19.mt.gov/Portals/223/Documents/4-21-20%20Telehealth%202.pdf?ver=2020-04-22-140845-733</p> <p>Via the Governor’s Executive Order, renewal of lapsed, expired, or inactive licenses is allowed with a temporary permit without a fee or demonstration of recent continuing education, certification, or competency evaluation. http://bsd.dli.mt.gov/licensee-covid-19?pk_vid=0f55540ff081abc6158922885802c810</p> |
| NE | Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice. | Yes. Nonresidents may provide audiology or speech-language pathology services for no more than 30 | Executive order 20-12 authorizes the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to establish and publish guidance for health care providers |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CF: Not addressed Students: Not addressed Assistants: Not addressed <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/NE/Nebraska-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>days if the applicant meets the qualifications for application for licensure and such person is working under a licensee, and registers with the Board prior to the initiation of services.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/NE/licensure/</p> | <p>regarding the use of telehealth by licensed practitioners and guidance for the payment of Medicaid services provided via telehealth</p> <p>Executive Order 20-27 suspends competency requirements for health care workers including audiologists and SLPs; suspends the examination allowing for a temporary credential which remains in effect until 12/31/2020 provided all other requirements for licensure have been met. It suspends the requirement that persons seeking licensure seek onsite training with a supervisor unit 12/31/2020</p> <p>https://govdocs.nebraska.gov/docs/pilot/pubs/eofiles/20-27.pdf</p> |
| NV | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CF: Not addressed Students: Not addressed Assistants: Not addressed <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/NV/Nevada-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | No. | <p>Governor's Declaration of Emergency providing possible extension of licenses beyond normal expiration dates.</p> <p>http://gov.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/govnewnv.gov/Content/News/Emergency_Orders/2020/2020-03-31%20-%20Declaration%20of%20Emergency%20Directive%200009.pdf</p> <p>Licensure Board operations have not been impacted and they are able to issue and renew licenses without limitations at this time. No changes have been made to fees, license requirements, or renewal timelines. The Board will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation closely and may revisit these issues as needed.</p> |
| NH | <p>No. This state has no licensure laws or regulations for telepractice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CF: Aud: Not addressed; SLP: Telesupervision and telepractice allowed. | <p>NH law does not address emergency provisions.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/NH/licensure/</p> | <p>Telepractice: Persons licensed in another state assisting with the effects of COVID-19 may provide services</p> <p>Executive Order #8 https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/emergency-orders/documents/emergency-order-8.pdf and Executive Order #15</p> |

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| NJ | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Telesupervision usually not permitted, see temporary provisions in column 3. Telepractice regulations not clear. • Students: Telesupervision regulations not clear. Telepractice not addressed • Assistants: Not addressed <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/NJ/New-Jersey-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>No. NJ law does not address emergency provisions. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/NJ/licensure/</p> | <p>Reimbursement: Requires any fully funded plan in NJ to cover speech therapy and audiology services during this state of emergency. See https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2020/Bills/A4000/3843_S1.PDF</p> <p>Expedited Licensure: A professional or occupational licensing board may grant a license, certificate of registration or certification on an expedited basis to any individual who holds a corresponding license, certificate of registration or certification, in good standing, in another state. https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2020/Bills/A4000/3862_11.PDF</p> <p>Telepractice: Allows any health care practitioner to provide and bill for services using telemedicine and telehealth, regardless of whether rules and regulations concerning the practice of telemedicine and telehealth have been adopted pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act.”</p> <p>Allows a licensed SLPs/Audiologist from another state to provide teletherapy to a NJ resident, if that therapist</p> |

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| | | | <p>has a pre-existing professional relationship with the patient. https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2020/Bills/A4000/3860_11.PDF</p> <p>Out of state practitioners can apply for a temporary license to provide services to NJ residents at: https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/Pages/Temporary-Emergency-License-for-Out-of-State-Practitioners.aspx</p> <p>The Advisory Committee indicates that telepractice by clinical fellows is allowed, although it is not clear in laws/regulations/policy documents. Further questions and confirmation should be addressed to the Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Telesupervision An Emergency Order has been issued to allow telesupervision of clinical fellows through the end of the state of emergency. https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/COVID19/Documents/DCA-AO-2020-14_DCA-W-2020-13.pdf</p> <p>The Advisory Committee indicates the following regarding telesupervision of students: “the committee regulations look for ASHA accreditation/approval of university programs, so as long as they are ASHA approved there would be no problem for our students”. Further questions and confirmation should be addressed to the Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Additional COVID-19 information can be found at https://www.njsha.org/professionals-resources/response-to-covid-19/.</p> |

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| NM | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Telesupervision allowed. Telepractice allowed in accordance with statutes and rules. • Students: Telesupervision allowed. Telepractice not addressed. • Apprentices: Telepractice allowed for licensed apprentices in accordance with statutes and rules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.rld.state.nm.us/uploads/files/SLP_Guidance%20for%20Providing%20Patient%20Care%20by%20Electronic%20Means%20during%20the%20COVID-19%20Public%20Health%20Emergency(2).pdf • https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/NM/New-Mexico-Telepractice-Requirements/ | <p>No. NM law does not address emergency provisions. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/NM/licensure/</p> | <p>Temporary Licensure: The Board is reviewing individual requests for exceptions to licensure applications. http://www.rld.state.nm.us/uploads/files/BCD/BCD%203_16_2020%20COVID-19%20Public%20Announcement.pdf</p> <p>Telepractice: Clarification of authorized electronic means (including allowing the use of telephones)- http://www.rld.state.nm.us/uploads/files/SLP_Guidance%20for%20Providing%20Patient%20Care%20by%20Electronic%20Means%20during%20the%20COVID-19%20Public%20Health%20Emergency(2).pdf</p> |
| NY | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Not addressed <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/NY/New-York-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>Yes. Persons licensed in another state if services are performed for no more than 30 days per calendar year and are provided under the supervision of or in conjunction with a New York licensee. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/NY/licensure/</p> | <p>There are no current updates to regulations that would permit a person who is not licensed or does not meet the exceptions noted in Education Law (http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/sipa/article159.htm#sect8207) to provide services within the scope of Speech Language Pathology in New York State. Out of state practitioners must be licensed to provide services to New York residents. Out of state practitioners may provide services to non-residents who are in the state temporarily if their home state license allows it.</p> <p>Continuing Education: In response to the evolving situation with the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), and for those licensees whose registrations are due to renew March 1 - September 1, 2020, the Department will grant an</p> |

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| | | | <p>adjustment to all licensees to complete up to 100% of the continuing education as self-study, so long as it is taken from a Department-approved provider and is in an acceptable subject area for the specific profession. http://www.op.nysed.gov/COVID-19.html#COED</p> <p>Clinical Fellows Telehealth is permissible for the completion of supervised experience, however, telehealth should not be used as the sole modality. Telesupervision is permissible, however it cannot be used exclusively, periodic face-to-face supervision is still required.</p> <p>Clinical Simulations (CS) may be used, in part, to fulfill the experiential requirement for direct clinical contact for licensure provided that the supervisor is certified by the Council for Academic Accreditation (CAA). CS may be used for up to 75 hours of experience for Speech-Language Pathologist and 10% for Audiologist.</p> <p>For the duration of the current state of emergency, the requirement that supervised experience be obtained on a “continuous” basis has been suspended. http://www.op.nysed.gov/COVID-19FAQS.html#SLPA</p> |
| NC | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Allowed • Students: Allowed under emergency rule • Assistants: Allowed under emergency rule. <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/NC/North-Carolina-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | Yes. See column #3. | <p>General: The NC licensing board has issued an emergency rule allowing it to waive regulations not required by statute. Providers seeking to waive certain regulations should contact the board in writing. See: https://services.statescape.com/RegsText/StaticDownloads/174081_301354.pdf</p> <p>Out-of-State Telepractice Licensed providers in other states that do not currently hold a license in North Carolina may provide telepractice services to residents in North Carolina</p> |

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| | | | <p>while COVID allowances are being made, so long as their state licensure Board has put forth allowances for them to do so as well. See: https://ncboeslpa.org/announcement/extension-for-current-allowances/</p> <p>Assistants The NC licensing board has temporarily waived the requirement for licensure for telepractice in order to allow speech and language pathologists to delegate telepractice to speech and language pathology-assistants. Only allowed for the duration of the emergency. http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac/title%2021%20-%20occupational%20licensing%20boards%20and%20commissions/chapter%2064%20-%20speech%20and%20language%20pathologists%20and%20audiologists/21%20ncac%2064%20.0219.pdf</p> <p>Temporary Licensees NC Temporary SLP licensees are not prevented from using telepractice and during the COVID-19 special allowance period through January 2, 2021, the Board is accepting telesupervision hours in place of direct face-to-face supervision. § 90-293. Definitions 3) "License" means a license issued by the Board under the provisions of this Article, including a temporary license.</p> <p>The law includes temporary licensees under the definition of license and per our rules "licensees" may provide services through telepractice. See #5 at https://ncboeslpa.org/announcement/attention-clinic-intern-students-clinic-directors-program-directors/</p> |

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| ND | <p>No. This state has no licensure laws or regulations for telepractice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Not addressed <p>Please contact the board for further information. https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/ND/North-Dakota-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>Yes. Nonresidents who are not licensed in the state may provide services for no more than 5 days in any calendar year in cooperation with a licensed practitioner. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/ND/licensure/</p> | <p>Telepractice: Executive order 2020-05.1 expands telehealth provisions by allowing audio-only telehealth and requires insurers to cover e-visits. Although the fields of audiology and speech language pathology are not specifically identified in Executive Order 2020-05.1, according to the licensing board, the section on 'Telehealth Services' would be applicable to licensees. https://www.governor.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/executive-orders/Executive%20Order%202020-05.01.pdf</p> |
| OH | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Telesupervision allowed. Telepractice not addressed. • Students: Not clearly defined • Assistants: Not addressed <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/OH/Ohio-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>Yes. Persons licensed in another state with ASHA CCCs may practice for not more than one period of 30 consecutive calendar days in any year and must file a statement to the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology in advance. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/OH/licensure/</p> | <p>Per the Board, there are no proposed changes at this time.</p> <p>Medicaid reimbursement for telehealth for new and established patients may be provided services through telehealth per this rule through July 19, 2020. No initial face-to-face visit is necessary to initiate services. Medicaid reimbursement through telehealth for home health settings has been extended to October 11, 2020.</p> |
| OK | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Allowed with some restrictions • Students: Not clearly defined • Assistants: Allowed with some restrictions <p>https://www.ok.gov/obespa/documents/code.pdf (see page 18)</p> | <p>Yes. A nonresident may practice up to 7 days in any calendar year if the person's education/experience is substantially equivalent to state requirements. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/OK/licensure/</p> | <p>Executive order 2020-07 and EO 2020-13 (sixth amendment) allows all occupational licenses issued by any agency board or commission that expire during the emergency, to be extended as long as this order is in effect .All occupational licenses extended during the pandemic have 14 days following the withdrawal of the order to be completed. EO2020-20 (third amendment) telehealth may be used for all non-established patients https://www.sos.ok.gov/documents/executive/1953.pdf</p> |

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| OR | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Telepractice allowed for treating Medicaid students (see column three) • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Telesupervision allowed. Telepractice allowed for treating Medicaid students (see column three) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/OR/Oregon-Telepractice-Requirements/ • https://www.oregon.gov/bspa/Pages/COVID-19.aspx | <p>No. OR law does not address emergency provisions. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/OR/licensure/</p> | <p>Temporary License: The Board is reviewing the possibility of a temporary license.</p> <p>Telepractice: Permanent Administrative Order, WDC 14-2020,</p> <p>Prioritized list of health services to facilitate Oregon Health Plan members access to telephone and telemedicine services, including speech, extended through 3/29/2021 https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/DSI-HERC/PrioritizedList/10-1-2020%20Prioritized%20List%20of%20Health%20Services.pdf</p> <p>Chapter 436 further defines telehealth and telehealth billing. https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayBulletin.action;JSESSIONID_OARD=0LE6eaDsMpaW9cEefVMqsTLj3dZ32yRqKrZ5Wt_RP2qgTu8h0k6-!246034410?bulltnRsn=487</p> <p>An Executive Order has been issued to allow most speech-language and audiology services to be provided via telepractice, rather than in-person/on-site, in order to maintain the required social distancing and to re-direct the PPE to hospitals. See: https://www.oregon.gov/bspa/Documents/Newsletters/BSPA%20Newsflash%20Coronavirus%20March%202020.pdf for more information.</p> <p>Updated telehealth rules allowing telephone usage. https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/OHP/Policies/130-0610-031620.pdf</p> |

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| | | | <p>Allows audiologists, SLPs, CFs, and SLPAs to be reimbursed for treating Medicaid eligible students remotely through 10/5/2020. Link not up on site yet. Email Brean Arnold at brean.n.arnold@dhsosha.state.or.us for additional information. Reference Temporary Administrative Order, Chapter 410. https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayBulletin.action;JSESSIONID_OARD=0LE6eaDsMpaW9cEefVMqsT_Lj3dZ32yRqKrZ5Wt_RP2ggTu8h0k6-!246034410?bulltnRsn=487</p> <p>Further clarifies the definition of telemedicine and addresses reimbursement provisions. Link not up on site yet. Email Brean Arnold at brean.n.arnold@dhsosha.state.or.us for additional information. Reference Temporary Administrative Order, 20-2020, Chapter 410: https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayBulletin.action;JSESSIONID_OARD=0LE6eaDsMpaW9cEefVMqsT_Lj3dZ32yRqKrZ5Wt_RP2ggTu8h0k6-!246034410?bulltnRsn=487</p> <p>Continuing Education: Emergency order allowing continuing education via online courses, remote access, webinars, or self-study. file:///C:/Users/ecrowe/Downloads/HLO_2-2020.pdf</p> <p>Additional telemedicine operational guidance: http://records.sos.state.or.us/ORSOSWebDrawer/Recordpdf/7604248</p> <p>Clarifies telemedicine encounters and reimbursement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/OHP/Policies/146-147-091520.pdf |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> http://records.sos.state.or.us/ORSOSWebDrawer/Recordpdf/7604251 <p>Additional resources: https://www.oregon.gov/bspa/Pages/COVID-19.aspx</p> |
| PA | <p>No. This state has no licensure laws or regulations for telepractice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CF: Not addressed Students: Not addressed Assistants: Not allowed <p>Please contact the board for further information. https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/PA/Pennsylvania-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>Yes. Non-residents who are licensed in another state with equivalent standards may provide services for no more than 5 days in any calendar year in cooperation with a state-licensed practitioner. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/PA/licensure/</p> | <p>Temporary License: Health care professionals licensed under any of the Department of State's Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA) licensing boards can provide services to patients via telemedicine during the coronavirus emergency. Temporary licensure will be expedited.</p> <p>Telepractice: Governor Wolf granted the authority to allow health care professionals from out-of-state to treat Pennsylvania residents using telemedicine, when appropriate, due to COVID-19. https://www.dos.pa.gov/Documents/2020-03-18-Telemedicine-Summary.pdf</p> <p>Supervision: This temporary rule suspends direct supervision of licensed speech-language pathologists, audiologists, assistants and holders of temporary licenses (clinical fellows).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where direct supervision or in-person contact is called for, practitioners can utilize indirect supervision, including electronic means such as phone, video, text, email, etc. Where a statute or regulation calls for indirect supervision, practitioners may act without supervision but are strongly encouraged to at least have access to a supervisor via electronic means in the event supervision is needed. |

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| | | | <p>https://www.dos.pa.gov/Documents/2020-04-13-In-Person-Supervision-OT-PT-SPLA.pdf</p> <p>Scope of Practice: Allows audiologists and speech-language pathologists to perform skills that they are trained for – in settings and under circumstances that are outside their normal scope of practice, with less strict adherence to supervision requirements to provide a measure of relief in staffing shortages should they arise throughout the Commonwealth.</p> <p>https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Speech-Language%20Pathology%20and%20Audiology/Documents/Special%20Notices/SPEECH-LANGUAGE%20PATHOLOGISTS%20and%20AUDIOLOGISTS%20scope%20of%20practice%20summary%205-19-2020.pdf</p> <p>Liability Protection: Gov. Wolf issued an Executive Order to afford health care practitioners protection against liability for good faith actions taken in response to the call to supplement the health care provider workforce during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>https://www.governor.pa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/20200506-GOV-health-care-professionals-protection-order-COVID-19.pdf</p> |
| RI | <p>No. This state has no licensure laws or regulations for telepractice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Teelsupervision allowed with indirect supervision. Telepractice not addressed. | <p>No. RI law does not address emergency provisions.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/stateinfo/RI/licensure/</p> | <p>Continuing Education: Continuing Education Unit Requirements (CEU) are waived for this year only for SLP licenses that were due to expire June 30, 2020 and July 1, 2020.</p> <p>https://health.ri.gov/about/customer-services-updates.php#cplb</p> |

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| | <p>Please contact the board for further information. https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/RI/Rhode-Island-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | | <p>Reimbursement: The Office of Health Insurance Commissioners has expanded the use of telepractice of medically necessary health services. http://www.ohic.ri.gov/documents/2020/March/COVID/OHIC%20Bulletin%202020-01%20-%20Adopted%20-%20with%20supporting%20documents.pdf</p> |
| <p>SC</p> | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Not clearly defined <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/SC/South-Carolina-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>No. SC law does not address emergency provisions. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/SC/licensure/</p> | <p>Telepractice: The Board would like to inform you that we do support our licensees continuing to provide services using any method of practice within your scope of practice and that complies with the applicable standard of care. With the closing of schools and various businesses, the Board recognizes the difficulty in providing such services on site and therefore refers its licensees to the guidelines provided by ASHA for telepractice and telesupervision during this time of national emergency as well as any guidance provided by employers, whether in the school, healthcare, or academic setting.</p> <p>https://lir.sc.gov/aud/forms/COVID19%20SLP%20Board%20Announcement.pdf</p> |
| <p>SD</p> | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Not clearly defined <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/SD/South-Dakota-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>No. SD law does not address emergency provisions. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/SD/licensure/</p> | <p>Telepractice: On March 23, 2020, Governor Noem issued Executive order 2020-07 which suspends provisions that limit telepractice services requiring face-to-face visits. On April 15th, Executive Order 2020-16 further allows provision of services via the telephone. Section 12 temporarily allows providers to obtain a license without a criminal background check. Executive Order 2020-25 temporarily suspends statutory provisions requiring completion of examination requirements for audiologists. Proof of passage of the examination must be completed by November 30, 2020 in order to retain the expedited</p> |

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| TN | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Not addressed <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/TN/Tennessee-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>Yes. Non-residents who are not licensed in this state may provide speech-language pathology or audiology services if such services are performed for not more than 5 days in any calendar year and the person meets the requirements for licensure in this state. Non-residents who are licensed in another state may offer services for not more than 30 days per calendar year provided that the person meets current Tennessee state licensure requirements.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/TN/licensure/</p> | <p>The Tennessee legislature has enacted legislation (HB 8002) enabling Audiologists and SLPs licensed under title 63 to utilize telepractice through April 2022. This legislation also requires reimbursement for telehealth on the same basis and in-person services. See: http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/default.aspx?BillNumber=HB8002&GA=111</p> |
| TX | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <p>Remote supervision is allowed for assistants and interns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Allowed • Students: Allowed • Assistants: Allowed <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/TX/Texas-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>No. TX law does not address emergency provisions.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/TX/licensure/</p> | <p>May 8, 2020</p> <p>Clarification on Continuation of Telehealth Services for the Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Program: The suspensions allowing SLP interns and assistants to provide services via telepractice and to be telesupervised scheduled to expire, remains in effect as of May 8, 2020.</p> <p>Governor Approves Regulatory Suspensions to Facilitate Services to Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist Clients During the COVID-19 Pandemic</p> <p>April 9, 2020</p> |

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| | | | <p>To help combat the spread of Coronavirus, TDLR requested and received authority from Governor Greg Abbott to suspend certain regulatory requirements, to the extent necessary, to allow licensees of the Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist program to provide more services to clients through telehealth and to ease other licensing restrictions.</p> <p>These suspensions are in effect until terminated by the Office of the Governor or until the March 13, 2020 disaster declaration is lifted or expires. In accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, the Office of the Governor has granted TDLR's request to suspend the following provisions:</p> <p>Supervision:</p> <p>Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) interns may now receive direct supervision through telehealth. The SLP internship is at least 36 weeks and 1,260 hours, divided into three (3) segments with no fewer than thirty-six (36) clock hours of supervisory activities to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • six (6) hours of direct supervision per segment by the supervisor(s) of the intern's client contact in which the intern provides screening, evaluation, assessment, habilitation, and rehabilitation; and • six (6) hours of indirect supervision per segment with the supervisor(s) which may include correspondence, review of videos, evaluation of written reports, phone conferences with the intern, and evaluations by professional colleagues. |

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| | | | <p>As a result of the suspension, all supervision hours—both direct and indirect—may be conducted through telehealth (suspension of 16 TAC §111.2(15), (23), and (25) and §111.213(c)).</p> <p>Under a previous suspension granted by the Governor, SLP assistants may receive 100 percent of their monthly supervision through telehealth. Supervisors must provide a minimum of four hours of direct supervision each month and four hours of indirect supervision each month. Supervisors may use telehealth for both direct and indirect supervision (suspension of 16 TAC §111.51(g)(1) and (4); §111.2(14), (23), and (24); and §111.213(b)(1) and (2)).</p> <p>Audiology assistants may now be supervised for all assigned tasks through telehealth (suspension of 16 TAC §111.2(14), (23), and (24); §111.91(f) and §111.216(b)).</p> <p>Audiology interns are allowed to be supervised for all assigned tasks through telehealth (no suspension of the rules was required).</p> <p>Practice: For all licensees approved to provide telehealth services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A smart phone, or any audio-visual, real-time, or two-way interactive communication system, qualifies as telecommunications technology and may now be used to provide telehealth services, as well as telehealth services related to fitting and dispensing hearing instruments (suspension of 16 TAC §§111.210(7)-(12), §111.213(d), |

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| | | | <p>§111.216(c), §§111.231(9)-(12) and §§111.232(b), (d) and (i)).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The same code of ethics and professional standards apply whether a client is seen via telehealth or an in-person visit as required under 16 TAC §111.212 and §111.215. <p>SLP interns:</p> <p>SLP interns may now provide services to clients remotely using telehealth (suspension of 16 TAC §111.210(5)).</p> <p>SLP Assistants:</p> <p>SLP assistants may now provide services through telehealth, as directed by their supervisor, according to the SLP assistant practice and duties under 16 TAC §111.52 (suspension of §111.210(5)).</p> <p>Audiologists and Audiology Interns:</p> <p>Audiologists and audiology interns who fit and dispense hearing instruments through telehealth are no longer required to conduct an initial professional contact in person at the same physical location (suspension of 16 TAC §111.232(j)).</p> <p>Services provided through telehealth must be performed with the same standard of care as in-person health care and within the licensee’s scope of practice and competence. The equipment used must be appropriate for the situation and properly working as required under 16 TAC §111.232(h) and (i).</p> |

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| | | | <p>Facilitators: If a facilitator assists with the provision of telehealth services, no prior training is necessary if the provider determines that the facilitator has the competence needed to assist with the services given (suspension of 16 TAC §111.232(e) and (f)(1)).</p> <p>Licensees who need additional information on billing policies relating to the provision of telehealth services during the COVID-19 pandemic should contact Texas Health and Human Services Medicaid or managed care organizations (MCOs), as policies are changing rapidly. It is critical to check with your payor before initiating a new type of service or service delivery model, such as telehealth.</p> <p>Continuing Education: Waiving continuing education requirements for all licenses expiring in March, April, and May 2020. Licensees will still submit their renewal applications, pay the required fees, and have their criminal histories checked but they will not need complete any required continuing education requirements this licensing cycle.</p> <p>Telesupervision: Allowing Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist interns to receive credit for supervised hours when they have “tele-supervision” and waiving time limits on the number of supervised hours the interns can complete. Allowing remote supervision will enable students to continue earning credits and allow their patients to continue receiving important therapies. May 6th: TDLR updates to required grades for SLPA license Current Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists program rules, 16 TAC §111.50(a)(2) and</p> |

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| | | | <p>§111.50(b)(1)(A), require applicants for a speech-language pathology assistant license to have earned at least 24 semester hours in speech-language pathology and/or audiology with a grade of “C” or better.</p> <p>For the spring 2020 semester only, TDLR will accept a "passing" grade as meeting the requirement of a grade of "C" or better for undergraduate students applying for a speech-language pathology assistant license.</p> <p>The number and type of credit hours remain the same https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/covid19.htm</p> <p>June 3rd--TDLR continuing education requirements are waived for all individual licenses expiring in March, April, May, and June 2020. Licensees still need to submit their renewal applications, pay the required fees, and TDLR will check their criminal histories, but they will not need to complete any TDLR-required continuing education this licensing cycle. (§51.405, Occupations Code)</p> <p>Note: TDLR is not authorized to waive continuing education requirements imposed by a certifying or credentialing entity other than TDLR.</p> <p>On November 23, 2020, the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation passed an emergency rule related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Under this rule, all TDLR licensees with a renewable license that expired between August 1 and November 30, 2020 are considered to hold an emergency license valid for up to 120 days after their license expiration date.</p> |
| UT | No. This state has no licensure laws or regulations for telepractice. | Yes. Nonresidents who offer services for no more than 30 days per calendar year if in cooperation with a licensed | <p>Telepractice: Executive Order 2020-69 extends the exemptions relating to telehealth practice until the termination of</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not clearly defined • Students: Not clearly defined • Assistants: Not clearly defined <p>Please contact the board for further information. https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/UT/Utah-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>practitioner and the individual is eligible for licensure in the state. https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/UT/licensure/</p> | <p>the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 2020-63, or until otherwise lawfully modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded. https://rules.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/Utah-Executive-Order-No.-2020-69.pdf</p> <p>Executive Order 2020-55 extends medical providers ability to utilize telehealth until the state of emergency, declared in Executive Order 2020-51, is terminated, or until otherwise lawfully modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded. https://rules.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/Utah-Executive-Order-No.-55.pdf</p> <p>Rules further defining telehealth and authorized providers in regard to the Medicaid program. Effective 9/22/2020 https://adminrules.utah.gov/public/search/Filing%20No.%2052935/Emergency%20Rules,Emergency%20Rules,Expired%20Emergency%20Rules</p> <p>Emergency telehealth provisions. https://rules.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/Utah-Executive-Order-No.-2020-7.pdf</p> <p>Rescinds the Governor’s previous Executive Order and further defines requirements relating to easing practice via telehealth, patient rights, and practitioner requirements (see page 4). https://rules.utah.gov/publicat/bull_pdf/2020/b20200601.pdf</p> <p>Emergency rules further defining telehealth https://rules.utah.gov/publicat/bull_pdf/2020/b20200615.pdf#page=117</p> |

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| VT | <p>No. This state has no licensure laws or regulations for telepractice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Not addressed <p>Please contact the board for further information. https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/VT/Vermont-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>No. VT law does not address emergency provisions. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/VT/licensure/</p> | <p>Telepractice: If you hold an out of state license you may practice in Vermont without a Vermont license:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are providing only telehealth to people in Vermont you do not need a license and you do not have to provide your contact information to the Office of Professional Regulation; or • If you are providing services to Vermonters in a licensed facility you do need to provide your contact information to the Office of Professional Regulation. Please click here to submit your information. <p>https://sos.vermont.gov/opr/about-opr/covid-19-response/out-of-state-licensees-temporary-licensees-telehealth/</p> <p>Reimbursement: Specifies certain provider credentialing verification requirements and procedures that managed care organizations must follow and implement. Temporarily suspending these credentialing verification requirements and requiring health insurers to relaxing their credentialing requirements during the State of Emergency is intended to facilitate reimbursement through the Medicaid program or commercial insurance during the State of Emergency for health care services provided in the State of Vermont by physicians or other health care professionals who hold and equivalent license in another state. https://secure.vermont.gov/SOS/rules/results.php</p> <p>Reimbursement: During the COVID-19 State of Emergency, the emergency rule requires health insurers and workers' compensation insurance carriers to provide coverage</p> |

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| | | | <p>for clinically appropriate health care services delivered remotely through telehealth or audio-only telephone through telehealth or audio-only telephone on the same basis as in-person consultations. The emergency rule also requires health insurers to cover telephone triage calls without member cost sharing and implements the provisions of Act 91 with respect to services delivered by store-and-forward means. Finally, the rule temporarily waives compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) consistent with guidance issued by the Department of Health and Human Services.</p> <p>https://dfr.vermont.gov/sites/finreg/files/regbul/dfr-regulation-health-h-2020-06-e-covid-access-to-health-care.pdf</p> |
| VA | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not clearly defined • Students: Not clearly defined • Assistants: Not clearly defined <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/VA/Virginia-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>Yes. See Executive Order 57 regarding out-of-state practitioners (Column #3).</p> | <p>Out-of-State: Under Executive Order 57, health care practitioners with an active license issued by another state may provide continuity of care to their current patients who are Virginia residents through telehealth services. See: https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginia.gov/executive-actions/EO-57-SECOND-AMENDED---Licensing-of-Health-Care-Professionals-in-Response-to-Novel-Coronavirus-(COVID-19).pdf</p> <p>Continuing Education: The VA has granted an extension of continuing education requirements for a period of six months after the deadline for the upcoming renewal cycle that will open in May and end on June 30, 2020. Questions can be directed to audbd@dhp.virginia.gov.</p> <p>The Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology will cease mailing hard-copy licenses, certifications, and registrations. See:</p> |

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| | | | http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/ASLP/AudiologyHomepageItems/News/Content-880-en.html |
| WA | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Can be supervised via telesupervision • Students: Not clearly defined • Assistants: Not clearly defined <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/WA/Washington-Telepractice-Requirements/.</p> <p>SB 6061-Beginning January 1, 2021, any clinician providing services through telehealth must complete a telehealth training. The Washington State Telehealth Collaborative offers training to satisfy this requirement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://lawfilesexternal.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2019-20/Pdf/Bill%20Reports/Senate/6061-S%20SBR%20FBR%2020.pdf?q=20200327122019 • https://vimeo.com/344187400 | <p>No. WA law does not address emergency provisions. The laws also do not define temporary travel.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/WA/licensure/</p> | <p>Telepractice Department of Health Guidance for audiologists, hearing aid specialists, SLPs, and SLPAs. https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/2300/2018/TelepracticeGuidelines.pdf</p> <p>Reimbursement: Health insurer coverage for telehealth extended through August 16. https://www.insurance.wa.gov/news/kreidler-extends-emergency-order-telehealth-coverage-another-30-days</p> <p>SB 5385-Adds emergency reimbursement provisions for telehealth at the same rate as in person (with some exceptions). Effective 3/19/20 http://lawfilesexternal.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2019-20/Pdf/Bill%20Reports/Senate/5385-S.E%20SBR%20FBR%2020.pdf?q=20200327121212</p> <p>The Secretary of Health has extended health profession license expiration dates for licenses up for renewal between April 1 and September 30, 2020 via the Governor's proclamation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/proclamations/20-32%20-%20COVID-19%20DOH%20Healthcare%20Worker%20Licensing%20%28tmp%29.pdf • https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate <p>Governor's Executive Order relating to telemedicine and reimbursement:</p> |

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| | | | https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/proclamations/20-29%20Coronavirus%20OIC%20%28tmp%29.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery |
| WV | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Allowed under emergency rule, see column #3 • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Allowed under emergency rule, see column #3 <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/WV/West-Virginia-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>Yes. At the request of the WV Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology and effective as of April 13, 2020, Executive Order No. 26-20 suspends the limited timeframe stated in WV Code 30-32-2(6) for the duration of the State of Emergency and allows non-residents of WV to provide services via telepractice. See more at https://www.wvspeechandaudiology.com/</p> | <p>Telepractice: At the request of the WV Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology and effective as of April 13, 2020, Executive Order No. 26-20 suspends the limited timeframe stated in WV Code 30-32-2(6) for the duration of the State of Emergency and allows nonresidents of WV to provide services via telepractice. See more at https://www.wvspeechandaudiology.com/</p> <p>The West Virginia Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology voted to temporarily suspend its rule prohibiting telepractice by provisional licensees and Speech Pathology or Audiology Assistants, W. Va. Code R. 29-1-15.5.2. The suspension of this rule shall remain in effect only during the State of Emergency.</p> <p>Therefore, during this crisis, a Speech Pathologist with a provisional license who is completing a postgraduate professional experience/clinical fellowship year, or a Speech Pathology or Audiology Assistant, having been issued such license by the Board, may provide telepractice services to clients/patients in the State of West Virginia. The Board would note that the remaining provisions of W. Va. Code R. 29-1-15 are unaffected and still apply in the telepractice setting, including practice standards, ethical requirements, supervision requirements, and patient confidentiality requirements.</p> <p>Fees: As of April 16, 2020, the West Virginia Board has</p> |

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| | | | <p>waived licensing fees for education-based practitioners seeking a state license. https://www.wvspeechandaudiology.com/</p> |
| <p>WI</p> | <p>No. This state has no licensure laws or regulations for telepractice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Not addressed <p>Please contact the board for further information. https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/WI/Wisconsin-Telepractice-Requirements/</p> | <p>Yes. Nonresidents who are licensed in another U.S. state or jurisdiction with substantially equivalent standards may receive a limited permit to practice speech-language pathology or audiology for a period not to exceed 45 days per calendar year. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/WI/licensure/</p> | <p>Telepractice: As a result of Executive order 72, ForwardHealth is temporarily changing certain policy requirements for services delivered through telehealth. Beginning March 12, 2020, these altered policy requirements will be in effect during, and only during, the public health emergency declared by the State of Wisconsin under Executive Order 72. ForwardHealth will temporarily allow currently covered services to be provided via telehealth using real-time technology as long as the service can be delivered with functional equivalence to the face-to-face service.</p> <p>Temporary Practice: Executive Order #16 provides that any health care provider with a valid and current license issued by another state may practice under that license and within the scope of that license in Wisconsin without first obtaining a temporary or permanent license from the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS), so long as the following conditions are met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The practice is necessary for an identified health care facility to ensure the continued and safe delivery of health care services; 2. The health care provider is not currently under investigation and does not currently have any restrictions or limitations placed on their license by their credentialing state or any other jurisdiction; 3. The identified health care facility's needs reasonably prevented in-state credentialing in advance of practice; |

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| | | | <p>4. The health care provider practicing under this section must apply for a temporary or permanent health care license within 10 days of first working at a health care facility in reliance on this Section; and</p> <p>5. The health care facility must notify DSPS at dsps@wisconsin.gov within 5 days of a health care provider practicing at its facility in reliance on this Section.</p> <p>D. DSPS may withdraw an individual's authority to temporary practice pursuant to the Order for good cause as determined by DSPS.</p> <p>Temporary License:</p> <p>A. Any temporary license, as defined under Section I(A)3. of this Order, that has been granted to a health care provider as defined under Section I(A) 1 of this Order, shall remain valid for 30 days after the conclusion of the declared emergency, including any extensions.</p> <p>https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/EMO16-DSPSCredentialingHealthCareProviders.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery</p> <p>EO #20 A health care provider must apply for a temporary or permanent health care license within 30 days of first working at a health care facility in reliance on Section I of Emergency Order # 16 and this Order.</p> <p>https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/EMO20-ModificationOfEmO16.pdf</p> <p>Emergency Order #2 reaffirms EO 16 that allows a health care worker with an out of state license to practice in the state as long as they apply for a temporary interstate license within 30 days of assuming work at a health care facility. This license will remain in effect up to 30 days beyond the conclusion of the</p> |

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| | | | emergency declaration (Emergency Order #2 was issued on October 1, 2020). |
| WY | <p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Telesupervision allowed. Telepractice not addressed. Emergency rules extended to 2/23/2021 relating to supervision and defining direct contact to include telepractice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UmXNz4bXvEBGvaG2d_hWBD27WLyI3-a/view • https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UmXNz4bXvEBGvaG2d_hWBD27WLyI3-a/view • https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/WY/Wyoming-Telepractice-Requirements/ | <p>No. WY law does not address emergency provisions.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/WY/licensure/</p> | <p>Telepractice: Licensure Board Emergency Rule removing the necessity of a client being seen in person prior to the delivery of telepractice to the client. Effective March 26 (for 120 days).</p> |

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