

COVID-19: TRACKING OF STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS FOR TELEPRACTICE AND TEMPORARY PRACTICE

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: Not addressed • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Telepractice and telesupervision is not allowed. <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>ASHA is not aware of any proposed changes at this time.</p>
AK	<p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</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>SB 241 waives certain telehealth requirements and addresses fees that may be charged for telehealth services.</p> <p>http://www.akleg.gov/PDF/31/Bills/SB0241Z.PDF</p>

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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>Please contact the board for further information.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/AZ/</p>	<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 complaint against their license. <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/AZ/licensure/</p>	<p>Telepractice: 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> <p>https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/03/governor-ducey-expands-telemedicine-coverage-arizonans</p>
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 not addressed. <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/AR/Arkansas-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.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/AR/licensure/</p>	<p>ASHA is not aware of any proposed changes at this time.</p>
CA	<p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p>	<p>Yes. Persons licensed in another state and who have submitted an application to become licensed in California may practice up to 6 months.</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</p>

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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/O/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>Governor's Executive Order on telehealth: 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_ber4Sk7QnhI13/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>Per the Department, Governor Lamont's declaration of a public health emergency allows for waivers of laws and regulations, but those waivers all must go through a process since they are essentially changing or suspending law. The state is currently in that process, but it hasn't happened yet.</p>
DE	<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/DE/Delaware-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 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. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/DE/licensure/</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</p>

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			<p>after the lifting of the state of emergency to complete your CEs for this renewal cycle. https://dpr.delaware.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/93/2020/03/CE-Deadline-Extension-Letter-CPR.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 • 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>No. DC law does not address emergency provisions. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/DC/licensure/</p>	<p>Telepractice: Guidance on the Use of Telehealth in the District of Columbia. https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/DCWASH/2020/03/12/file_attachments/1399623/Memo%20-%20Guidance%20on%20the%20Use%20of%20Telehealth.pdf</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. 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. SLPA telepractice allowed in some circumstances. See: https://floridasspeechaudiology.gov/forms/Emergency-Rule-64B20ER20-23.pdf 	<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. 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</p>

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	<p>Persons must register with the Dept. of Medical Quality Assurance: http://www.flhealthsource.gov/telehealth/ https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/FL/Florida-Telepractice-Requirements/</p>		
GA	<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 allowed. <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/GA/Georgia-Telepractice-Requirements/</p>	<p>No. GA law does not address emergency provisions. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/GA/licensure/</p>	<p>ASHA is not aware of any proposed changes at this time.</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. Services performed by non-residents for no more than 5 working days in a calendar year, or individuals with equivalent licenses in another state or their CCCs may provide services for no more than 30 working days in a calendar year and both must be performed in cooperation with a Hawaii-licensed SLP or audiologist. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/HI/licensure/</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>
ID	<p>Yes. The provider must hold a state license and adhere to the same requirements as in-person practice.</p>	<p>No. ID law does not address emergency provisions. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/ID/licensure/</p>	<p>Governor's Executive Order suspending rules including the IDAHO TELEHEALTH ACCESS ACTdaho Telehealth Access Act to more quickly respond to the COVID-19 emergency.</p>

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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/license/</p>	<p>Telepractice: The Governor issued an executive order related to the use of telemedicine 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.</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</p>

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			<p>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/Documents/ExecOrders/2020/ExecutiveOrder-2020-09.pdf</p>
IN	<p>No. This state has no licensure laws or regulations for telepractice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF: Not allowed • Students: Not allowed • Assistants: Not allowed <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. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/IN/licensure/</p>	<p>Executive Order 20-13 permits PT, OT and SLPs to practice via telemedicine but are not authorized to using audio only means.</p>
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

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			<p>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> <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.</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>ASHA is not aware of any proposed changes at this time.</p>
KY	<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>ASHA is not aware of any proposed changes at this time.</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>ASHA is not aware of any proposed changes at this time.</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.</p> <p>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>ASHA is not aware of any proposed changes at this time.</p>

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MD	<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.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/MD/licensure/</p>	<p>Telepractice: At this time, any audiologist or SLP providing telehealth is to be licensed (or supervised appropriately for limited licensees providing such services) and care is only allowed to be provided to a person residing in the same state in which one holds the license to practice.</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>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/MA/Massachusetts-Telepractice-Requirements/</p>	<p>No. MA does not address emergency provisions.</p> <p>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> <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 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>

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			<p>Telepractice: The Board is meeting to discuss potential changes to policies related to CFs/students/assistants. Once changes are finalized they will be reflected in this document.</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> <table border="1" data-bbox="1339 1089 1959 1422"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1350 1097 1518 1154">Section</th> <th data-bbox="1528 1097 1948 1154">Definitions.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1350 1162 1518 1219">333.16283</td> <td data-bbox="1528 1162 1948 1219"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1350 1227 1518 1284">333.16284</td> <td data-bbox="1528 1227 1948 1284">Telehealth service; consent required; exception.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1350 1292 1518 1349">333.16285</td> <td data-bbox="1528 1292 1948 1349">Telehealth service; prescribing patient with drug; conditions; requirements.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1350 1357 1518 1414">333.16286</td> <td data-bbox="1528 1357 1948 1414">Telehealth service; restrictions or conditions; findings by disciplinary subcommittee</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Section	Definitions.	333.16283		333.16284	Telehealth service; consent required; exception.	333.16285	Telehealth service; prescribing patient with drug; conditions; requirements.	333.16286	Telehealth service; restrictions or conditions; findings by disciplinary subcommittee
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MN	<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/MN/Minnesota-Telepractice-Requirements/</p>	<p>No. MN law does not address emergency provisions.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/MN/licensure/</p>	<p>Telepractice: SB 4334 has expanded the definition of originating site to include <u>a patient's residence if the patient is receiving health care services or consultations by means of telemedicine.</u></p> <p>https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?number=SF4334&version=latest&session=ls91&session_year=2020&session_number=0</p> <p>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>
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>Please contact the board for further information.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/MS/Mississippi-Telepractice-Requirements/</p>	<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 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.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/MS/licensure/</p>	<p>Telepractice: State officials have indicated that telepractice is not prohibited. Medicaid is allowing for telepractice and reimbursing for it during the emergency:</p> <p>https://services.statescape.com/RegsText/StaticDownloads/170017_296032.pdf</p> <p>The Mississippi Speech-Language Hearing Association (MSHA) has issued guidance for its members:</p> <p>https://msha.z2systems.com/neon/resource/msha/files/telehealth%20guidelines%20final.pdf?secureIdCustomer=1&</p>
MO	<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>No. MO law does not address emergency provisions.</p> <p>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</p>

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	<p>Please contact the board for further information. https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/MO/Missouri-Telepractice-Requirements/</p>		<p>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. Accordingly, while this bulletin is in effect, the Director will not take an enforcement action against 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.</p>
<p>MT</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 addressed <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/MT/Montana-Telepractice-Requirements/</p>	<p>Yes. Unlicensed persons may provide 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. Persons licensed in another state, with 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>Temporary License: The Department is exploring emergency and temporary licensure provisions.</p>

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NE	<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/NE/Nebraska-Telepractice-Requirements/</p>	<p>Yes. Nonresidents may provide audiology or speech-language pathology services for no more than 30 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>Executive order 20-12 authorizes the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to establish and publish guidance for health care providers regarding the use of telehealth by licensed practitioners and guidance for the payment of Medicaid services provided via telehealth</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>	<p>No. NV law does not address emergency provisions.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/NV/licensure/</p>	<p>Governor's Emergency Directive allowing for the waiving of certain licenses during an emergency or disaster.</p> <p>http://gov.nv.gov/News/Emergency_Orders/2020/2020-04-01 - COVID-19 Declaration of Emergency Directive 011/</p> <p>Governor's Declaration of Emergency providing 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%20009.pdf</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. • Students: Aud: Not addressed; SLP: Telesupervision allowed. Telepractice not addressed. • Assistants: Aud: Not addressed; SLP: Telesupervision allowed. Telepractice not addressed. 	<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>https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/orders-2020/documents/2020-04.pdf</p>

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	<p>Please contact the board for further information. https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/NH/New-Hampshire-Telepractice-Requirements/</p>		
<p>NJ</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: Telesupervision not permitted. Telepractice not addressed • Students: Telesupervision not permitted. 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 has a pre-existing professional relationship with the patient. https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2020/Bills/A4000/3860_11.PDF</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.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/NM/licensure/</p>	<p>Temporary Licensure: The Board is reviewing individual requests for exceptions to licensure applications.</p> <p>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-</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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/slpa/article159.htm#sect8207) to provide services within the scope of Speech Language Pathology in New York State. New York is allowing for, and approving pay for, Early Intervention teletherapy now through April 6.</p>

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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: Not allowed • Students: Not clearly defined • Assistants: Allowed under emergency rule. <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/NC/North-Carolina-Telepractice-Requirements/</p>	<p>No. NC law does not address emergency provisions.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/NC/licensure/</p>	<p>Telepractice: 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.</p> <p>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>
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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/ND/licensure/</p>	<p>ASHA is not aware of any proposed changes at this time.</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.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/OH/licensure/</p>	<p>Per the Board, there are no proposed changes at this time.</p>

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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: Not clearly defined • Students: Not clearly defined • Assistants: Not clearly defined <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/OK/Oklahoma-Telepractice-Requirements/</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.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/OK/li_censure/</p>	<p>Executive order 2020-07 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.</p>
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: Emergency provisions follow ASHA standards • Students: Not addressed • Assistants: Telesupervision allowed. Telepractice not clearly defined. <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.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/OR/li_censure/</p>	<p>Temporary License: The Board is reviewing the possibility of a temporary license.</p> <p>Telepractice: An Executive Orders 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%202%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> <p>Prioritized list of health services to facilitate Oregon Health Plan members access to telephone and telemedicine services. https://www.oregon.gov/OHA/HPA/DSI-HERC/Pages/Prioritized-List.aspx</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>

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			<p>Additional telemedicine operational guidance: file:///C:/Users/ecrowe/Downloads/DMAP_14-2020%20(1).pdf</p> <p>Clarifies telemedicine encounters and reimbursement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • file:///C:/Users/ecrowe/Downloads/DMAP_11-2020.pdf • file:///C:/Users/ecrowe/Downloads/DMAP_15-2020%20(2).pdf <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>
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: Telesupervision allowed with indirect supervision. Telepractice not addressed. 	<p>No. RI law does not address emergency provisions. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/RI/licensure/</p>	<p>Telepractice: 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>

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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>		
SC	<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://lr.sc.gov/aud/forms/COVID19%20SLP%20Board%20Announcement.pdf</p>
SD	<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</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>ASHA is not aware of any proposed changes at this time.</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>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> <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>

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			<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. <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>

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			<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:</p> <p>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), §111.216(c), §§111.231(9)-(12) and §§111.232(b), (d) and (i)). • 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>

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			<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> <p>Facilitators:</p> <p>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</p>

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			<p>of service or service delivery model, such as telehealth.</p> <p>Continuing Education:</p> <p>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:</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>UT</p>	<p>No. This state has no licensure laws or regulations for telepractice.</p> <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.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/UT/Utah-Telepractice-Requirements/</p>	<p>Yes. Nonresidents who offer services for no more than 30 days per calendar year if in cooperation with a licensed practitioner and the individual is eligible for licensure in the state.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/UT/licensure/</p>	<p>Telepractice: Emergency telehealth provisions.</p> <p>https://rules.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/Utah-Executive-Order-No.-2020-7.pdf</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 for clinically appropriate health care services delivered remotely through</p>

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			<p>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/reg-bul-ord/coverage-health-care-services-delivered-through-telehealth-telephone-or-store-and</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>No. VA law does not address emergency provisions.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/VA/licensure/</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>
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: Not clearly defined • Students: Not clearly defined • Assistants: Not clearly defined <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/WA/Washington-Telepractice-Requirements/.</p>	<p>No. WA law does not address emergency provisions.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/WA/licensure/</p>	<p>Reimbursement: SB 5385-Adds emergency reimbursement provisions for telehealth at the same rate as in person (with some exceptions). Effective 3/19/20</p> <p>http://lawfilesexternal.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2019-20/Pdf/Bill%20Reports/Senate/5385-SE%20SBR%20FBR%202020.pdf?q=20200327121212</p> <p>Governor's Executive Order relating to telemedicine and reimbursement:</p> <p>https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/proclamations/20-</p>

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	<p>SB 6061-Requires additional telemedicine training by 6/11/20 http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2019-20/Pdf/Bill%20Reports/Senate/6061-S%20SBR%20FBR%2020.pdf?q=20200327122019</p>		<p>29%20Coronavirus%20OIC%20%28tmp%29.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery</p>
<p>WV</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: 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>No. WV law does not address emergency provisions. https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/WV/licensure/</p>	<p>Telepractice: 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>https://www.wvspeechandaudiology.com/</p>

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WI	<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; 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 5. The health care facility must notify DSPS at dps@wisconsin.gov within 5 days of a health

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			<p>care provider practicing at its facility in reliance on this Section. D. DSPTS may withdraw an individual's authority to temporary practice pursuant to the Order for good cause as determined by DSPTS.</p> <p>Temporary License: 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>WY</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: Telesupervision allowed. Telepractice not addressed. <p>https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/state/info/WY/Wyoming-Telepractice-Requirements/</p>	<p>No. WY law does not address emergency provisions.</p> <p>https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/WY/licensure/</p>	<p>Telepractice: The Board has proposed Emergency Rules that would remove the necessity of a client being seen in person prior to the delivery of telepractice to the client. They have gone to the Governor for consideration on 3/24.</p>

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