**Continuity of Care**

**Can Applied, Clinical or School Psychologists provide continuity of care to clients in Virginia?**

House bill 537allows telehealth treatment into Virginia by out-of-state Applied, Clinical and School Psychologists providing behavioral health services to a client in Virginia.

As of July 1, 2022, an out-of-state Applied, Clinical or School Psychologist can provide continuity of care via telehealth to their clients located in Virginia for up to one year. The limitations are that the patient-practitioner relationship must have been previously established and the telehealth visits are limited to a maximum of one year.

Effective July 1, 2022, the Virginia Code § 54.1-3601.11 will state:

*Any psychologist who is licensed in another state, the District of Columbia, or a United States territory or possession and who is in good standing with the applicable regulatory agency in that state, the District of Columbia, or that United States territory or possession who provides behavioral health services, as defined in § 37.2-100, to a patient located in the Commonwealth when (i) such practice is for the purpose of providing continuity of care through the use of telemedicine services as defined in § 38.2-3418.16 and (ii) the psychologist has previously established a practitioner-patient relationship with the patient. A psychologist who provides behavioral health services to a patient located in the Commonwealth through use of telemedicine services pursuant to this subdivision may provide such services for a period of no more than one year from the date on which the psychologist began providing such services to such patient.*

**Can Virginia psychologists provide continuity of care to clients located in another state?** Licensees can provide clinical service to clients into another PSYPACT state if they hold a current PSYPACT Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology (APIT) or Interjurisidctional Practice Certificate (IPC). If the state in which the client is located is not a part of the PSYPACT, please contact that state for their requirements.

**Temporary Authorization to Practice**

**Who can apply for temporary authorization to practice?**

Virginia Code § 54.1-2408.4, enacted by Chapter 464 of the 2022 Acts of Assembly, permits health care practitioners licensed, certified, or registered in another state or the District of Columbia to temporarily practice in the Commonwealth for 90 days provided certain provisions are met. These Licensed Clinical Psychologists and Licensed Applied Psychologists may **only** practice temporarily for 90 days after receiving an offer of employment or contract for services from: **(1) a hospital licensed by the Virginia Department of Health, (2) a nursing home, (3) a dialysis facility, (4) the Virginia Department of Health, or (5) a local health department.**

**\*\*Any Clinical Psychologist that is coming from a state that utilizes the PSYPACT should only practice in Virginia using the Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology (APIT) or Interjurisidctional Practice Certificate (IPC).\*\***

Eligible employers and contract service recipients must fill out the [Out-of-state temporary practitioner reporting form](https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/forms/psychology/Behavioral_Out-of-State_Temporary_Practitioner.docx) before the practitioner begins temporarily practicing in

Virginia.