

Question:

Seeking information about current licensure laws for those speech-language pathologists (SLPs) who have patients/clients/students that travel to other states to live on a temporary basis, due to COVID-19.

Does the client need to find a local SLP to continue the services on a temporary basis, or can the New Jersey treating SLP continue to provide the services.

Answers:

From my understanding s/he will need to be licensed in the state they practice, per ASHA. I would contact that state's licensing board for addition clarification.

You have to check each state's licensing regulations to determine that.

For CA, the SLP must be licensed in CA in order to treat clients currently residing in CA.

ASHA has a chart on their website with some of the state-by-state info on telehealth.

Here is the Executive Order that provides for a New Jersey SLP, who holds licensure in NJ and has a pre-existing relationship with a client to continue to provide care via tele therapy if the client temporarily resides in IL due to COVID-19.

Illinois' Department of Financial and Professional Regulation interprets Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-9 to mean that out-of-state providers may practice via telehealth to maintain a continuation of care with clients previously in their care: "The Department interprets Executive Order 2020-9 to permit 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."

<http://www.illinois.gov>

WA state currently has parity for telepractice because of the COVID-19 pandemic. WA is not a part of the interstate compact. Once things get back to a bit of normal WSLHA plans to address the interstate compact (we want it) via legislature as well as keeping telepractice parity. I think telepractice parity is in effect until the end of this calendar year at this time. We have several documents on our home page of our website if you want to sift through them. [wslha.org](http://www.wslha.org)