



Frequently Asked Questions

The Board has prepared this Frequently Asked Question resource (FAQ) to address the following question related to telehealth communication for speech-language pathologists and audiologists.

1. A student enrolled with our school district has temporarily moved to another state, and I have been asked to continue providing services while the student is staying in the other state. Does my Ohio board license permit me to provide telehealth services to the student who is located outside Ohio?

It depends on the licensure laws in the other state where the student is located. Before you provide services via telehealth communications to anyone located in another state, you should first contact that state's speech-language pathology or audiology licensure board to verify their requirements for licensure or telehealth services. Your Ohio board license only allows you to legally practice and provide services to individuals located within Ohio. Licensure laws will vary from state to state. Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, many states have either relaxed their requirements for telepractice or adopted emergency rules allowing out-of-state practitioners to provide telehealth services to individuals temporarily located in their state. Failing to verify and follow the other state's licensure requirements could be deemed unlicensed practice in that state and be grounds for disciplinary action.

Please feel free to visit the National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology's website for a listing of speech-language pathology and audiology state licensure boards who have posted information and resources regarding their licensure requirements or state's executive orders in response to the pandemic: <http://www.ncsb.info/covid>.