



I am licensed in another state. Can I provide telehealth services to a client that is located in California?

To provide mental health services as a Marriage and Family Therapist, Clinical Social Worker, Professional Clinical Counselor or Licensed Educational Psychologist to a client located in California you must have a California license. There are two avenues that can assist an out-of-state licensee in pursuing a temporary waiver or an expedited pathway to licensure in order to provide telehealth services to a client that may have relocated to California.

If there is an existing patient relationship, an out-of-state licensee may contact the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) to request permission to practice telehealth services. Under the current State of Emergency, the Director of EMSA can approve individuals to practice in California if licensed in another state. You may contact EMSA for more information. <https://emsa.ca.gov/>.

Also, provided an out-of-state licensee has held a license for at least 2 years, they may apply for licensure in California using a more streamlined licensure process, known as "Path A." Information regarding "Path A" can be found on our website under the "Applicant" tab by selecting the license type currently held by the out-of-state licensee (e.g., LMFT, LPCC, LCSW).

The following link provides more information concerning telehealth:
https://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/updated_coronavirus_statement.pdf