
TELEPSYCHIATRY CHECKLIST

- I have reviewed my state's law on telemedicine, including, but not limited to:
 - In-person examination requirements
 - Prescribing requirements

- If a patient will be treated in a different state:
 - Licensure
 - I am licensed in the patient's state, all state requirements are met (CME requirements, PMP requirements, etc...)
 - OR
 - I have confirmed in writing with the licensing board in the patient's state that a license in that state is not required

- Law
 - I have reviewed the law on telemedicine in the patient's state, including, but not limited to:
 - In-person examination requirements
 - Prescribing requirements

- I am using HIPAA-compliant equipment
 - If the equipment vendor stores any patient information, I have a Business Associate Agreement from the vendor

- I understand that services are considered rendered at the patient's location, not my location

- I understand that the standard of care for telepsychiatry services is the same as for in-person visits

- I understand that this treatment modality is not appropriate for all patients and I engage in careful patient selection
 - I re-evaluate periodically the appropriateness of treatment

- I require patient identification at the first session

- I confirm patient location at the start of every session

 - I obtain informed consent to the use of telepsychiatry, in addition to informed consent to treatment

 - If I am prescribing, I am complying with:
 - State law in my state and, if different, state law in the patient's state
 - Federal law, if prescribing controlled substances, by:
 - Having a DEA registration in my state as well as each patient's state (if different from my state)
 - Seeing patient one time in person prior to prescribing controlled substances

OR

 - Qualifying for one of the DEA's very limited exceptions to the one in-person visit rule
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- I provide appropriate patient monitoring, including follow-up on testing ordered
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- I provide appropriate follow-up care
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- I maintain appropriate documentation of all sessions
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- I have contingency plans for:
 - Clinical emergencies – including contact information for local authorities in the event of a crisis
 - Technical failures

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