

**Telehealth Practices During  
a Pandemic and Beyond**  
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**Disclosures**

- ▶ Financial Relationships  
Travel Expenses and Conference registration  
paid by NCBOESLPA

Employed by WakeMed Health and Hospitals

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**Telehealth: Prior to March 2019**

- ▶ Available only to SLP or AuD
- ▶ Could not be delegated for use by SLP-A
- ▶ Telesupervision of temporary licensees, not  
accepted as part of their SEY supervised  
hours

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### Temporary Actions March 2020

- ▶ Emergency meeting held 3/19/20 initiating discussions regarding telepractice platforms
  - Approval for use of HHS guidelines if a secure HIPAA compliant platform is unavailable for telepractice
  - Telesupervision approved for temporary licensees (3/24/20)

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### Temporary actions cont'd

- Approved use of telepractice by assistants (3/27)
- Provider and patient locations during sessions
- Student supervision

Adjustments to policies and presentation of emergency and temporary rules

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### Discussions

- ▶ Acceptable use of telepractice in clinical situations for consumer protection
- ▶ Consideration of patient and provider sites
- ▶ Parameters for telesupervision
- ▶ Impact of State actions/Governor's orders

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### Practices Adopted

- ▶ Telepractice use by assistants
- ▶ Telesupervised hours accepted in place of face-to-face hours for temporary licensees during supervised experience year

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### Next steps

- ▶ Continue to monitor State Executive Orders
- ▶ Continue to monitor ASHA for consistency for licensees as possible

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