

Chapter 21. Telehealth

§2101. Telehealth Practice in Louisiana by Licensed, Certified or Registered Addiction Counselors, Licensed, Certified or Registered Prevention Professionals, or Certified Compulsive Gambling Counselors

- A. Those licensed by the ADRA as either a licensed, certified or registered addiction counselor, or a licensed, certified or registered prevention professional, or a certified compulsive gambling counselor may render services to a client or person served using telehealth as defined in and as authorized by the Louisiana Telehealth Access Act, R.S. 40:1223.1 through R.S. 40: 1223.5.
- B. The client or person served must be located in the state of Louisiana at the time the telehealth interaction occurs, and the licensed, certified or registered professional must be licensed as either a licensed, certified or registered addiction counselor, or a licensed, certified or registered prevention professional or a certified compulsive gambling counselor by the ADRA.
- C. All laws regarding the confidentiality of client and person served information and the rights of the client or person served to such information created during a telehealth interaction apply as if the services were rendered in person.
- D. The licensed, certified or registered addiction counselor, or licensed, certified or registered prevention professional, or certified compulsive gambling counselor providing services through means of telehealth is bound to exercise the same standard of care as is required were the services rendered in person.
- E. Licensing or registration of out-of-state providers possessing either a license, certification or registration as either an addiction counselor or a prevention professional, or certification as a gambling counselor may provide services for which license, certification or registration is required by the ADRA to clients or persons served in Louisiana provided the following conditions are met:
1. The individual providing telehealth services to the client or person served in Louisiana must hold a license certification or registration from the state in which the individual providing services is located at the time the telehealth interaction occurs which license, certification or registration is in the judgment of the ADRA, comparable to the license, certification or registration requirements of the state of Louisiana for services rendered in person in the state of Louisiana.
 2. The out-of-state provider must possess an unrestricted and unencumbered license, certificate or registration in good standing in order to perform the service for which this

state requires a comparable license, registration or certificate, in the state in which the out of state provider is located when the services are provided.

3. The out-of-state licensee, registrant or certificate holder must apply for and obtain an out-of-state provider telehealth license, certification or registration to practice telehealth in Louisiana as either a licensed, certified or registered addiction counselor, or a licensed, certified or registered prevention professional, or a certified compulsive gambling counselor; and must pay an application fee of \$250 and an annual renewal fee of \$100.

4. Should the out-of-state provider telehealth license, certification or registration be granted by the ADRA to an out of state licensee, registrant or certificate holder, the out of state telehealth licensee, registrant or certificate holder is bound to follow all statutes, rules and regulations applicable to the comparable Louisiana licensee, registrant or certificate holder.

F. Consultation by a Louisiana licensed, certified or registered addiction counselor, or a Louisiana licensed, certified or registered prevention professional, or a Louisiana certified compulsive gambling counselor with an out of state peer professional may occur by telehealth means without need for the out of state peer professional to hold a Louisiana out-of-state provider telehealth license issued by this board.