



PENNSYLVANIA

PSYCHIATRISTS

What is the regulatory body in the state that governs the practice of psychiatry?

Updated link: [Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine](#)

PSYCHOLOGISTS

What is the regulatory body in the state that governs the practice of psychology?

Updated link: [Pennsylvania State Board of Psychology](#)

SOCIAL WORKERS

What are the criteria for establishing a practitioner-patient relationship via telemedicine/telehealth?

Updated link: [49 PA. CODE § 47.1.](#)

COUNSELORS

What are the criteria for establishing a practitioner-patient relationship via telemedicine/telehealth?

Updated link: [49 PA. CODE § 49.1.](#)

MARRIAGE/FAMILY THERAPISTS

What are the criteria for establishing a practitioner-patient relationship via telemedicine/telehealth?

Updated link: [49 PA. CODE § 48.1.](#)



PENNSYLVANIA

ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES (APRNs)

What are the criteria for establishing a practitioner-patient relationship via telemedicine/telehealth?

Updated link: [49 PA. CODE § 21.1.](#)

PRIVACY/CONFIDENTIALITY

What are the specific privacy/confidentiality requirements involving mental health records?

The Pennsylvania State Board of Psychology's Code of Ethics states the following:

Psychologists shall safeguard the confidentiality of information about an individual that has been obtained in the course of teaching, practice or investigation. Psychologists may not, without the written consent of their clients or the client's authorized legal representative, or the client's guardian by order as a result of incompetency proceedings, be examined in a civil or criminal action as to information acquired in the course of their professional service on behalf of the client. Information may be revealed with the consent of the clients affected only after full disclosure to them and after their authorization. Psychologists shall exercise reasonable care to prevent their employees, associates and others whose services are utilized by them from disclosing or using information about the client.

[49 PA. CODE § 41.61, Principle 5\(a\).](#)