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COVID-19 Town Hall

*With a Special Focus on Telehealth
and Reimbursement*

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Featuring special guest, **Dr. Jared Skillings, APA's Chief of Professional Practice**

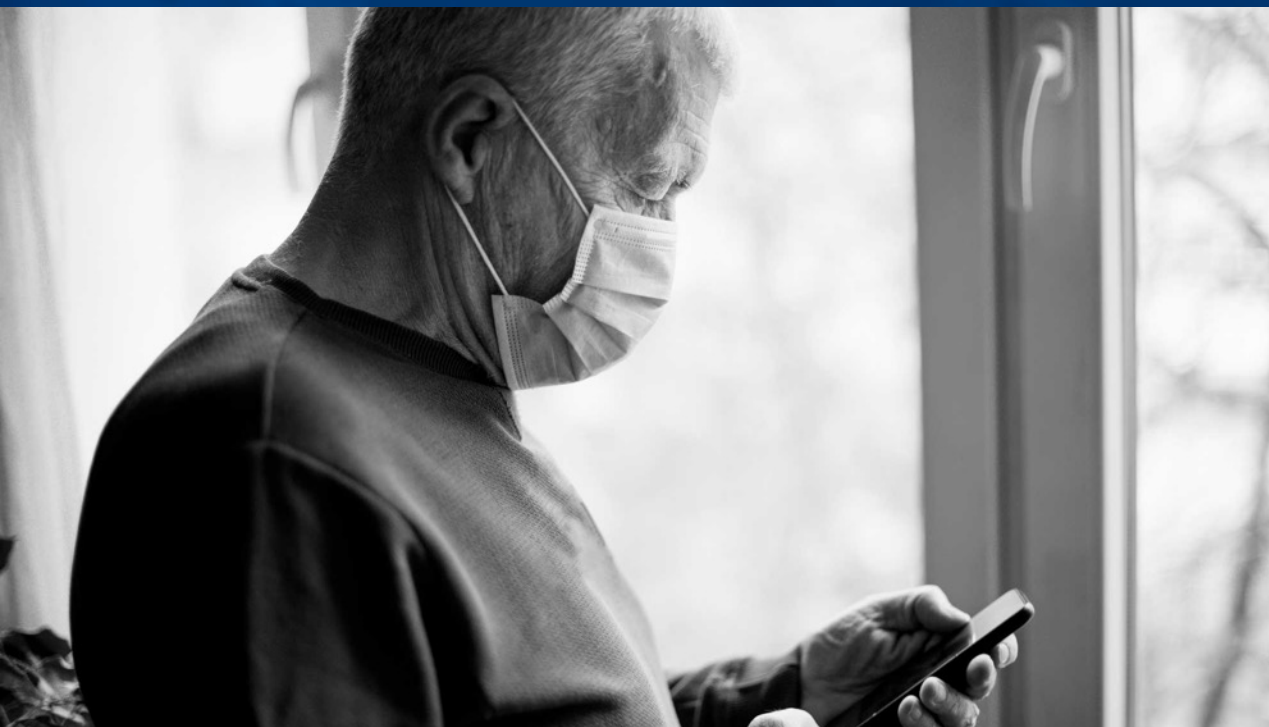
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Time to...

- **CONNECT**
- **SUPPORT**
- **SHARE**
- **ASK**
- **EXPLORE**

The Current Challenge

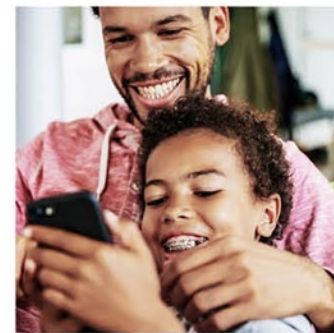


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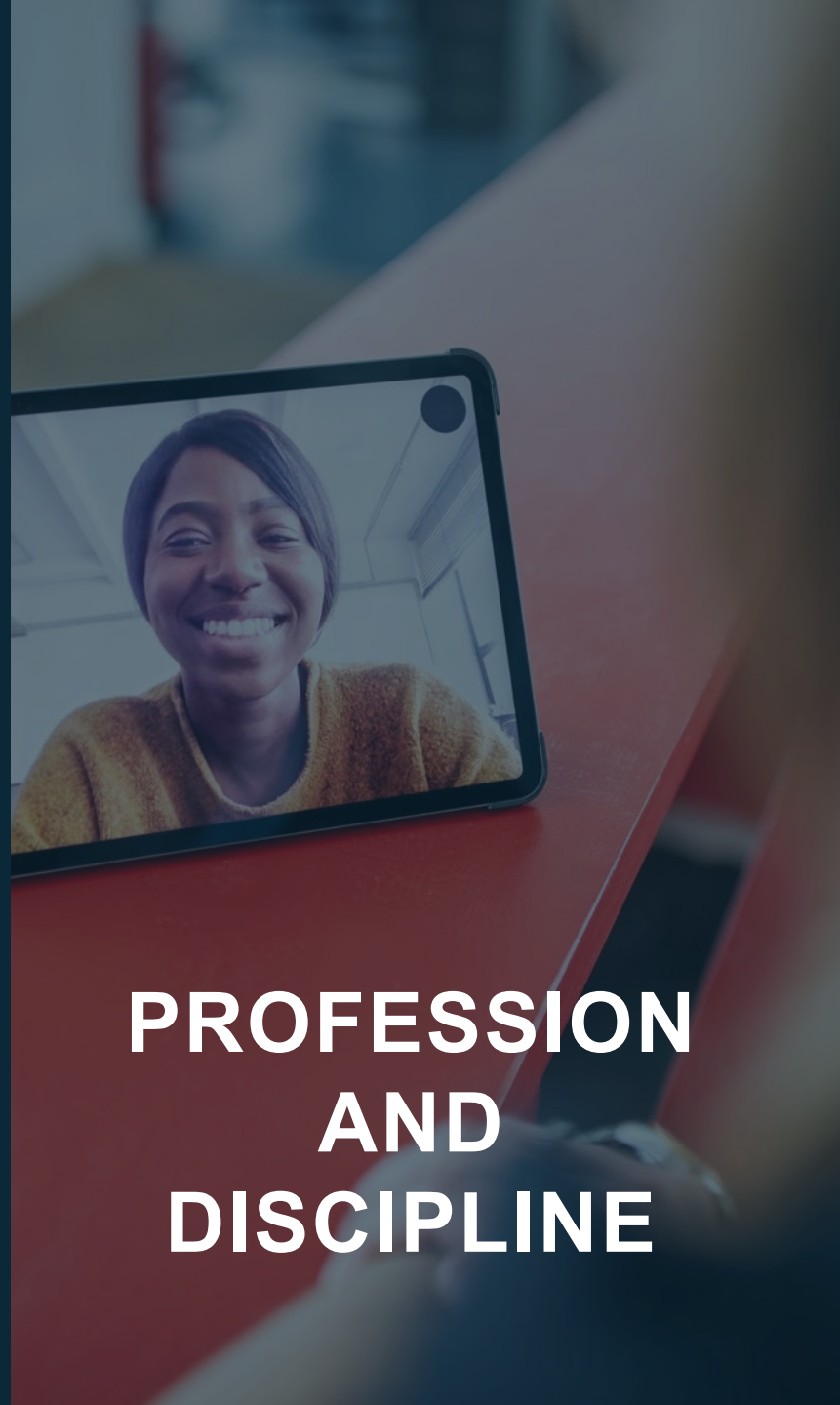
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Telehealth & Reimbursement

Jared L. Skillings, PhD, ABPP

Chief of Professional Practice, APA

Intro





LOW / MEDIUM / HIGH

IMPACT

Telehealth & Reimbursement Advocacy

- **Who:** ALL psychologists
- **What:** videoconferencing; phone; testing; small business loans; HIPPA relaxed; audits lifted;
- **Where:** Originating sites; Interstate practice
- **When:** Rapid Medicare enrollment
- **How:** 50-state advocacy strategy with state associations

Why?

<https://www.apaservices.org/practice/clinic>

Practice Resources

In Response to COVID-19



Information from APA on COVID-19 and its impact on professional practice.

Latest Developments for Practicing Psychologists in Response to COVID-19

Government, industry and public responses to the coronavirus crisis are changing rapidly. APA presents an information hub specifically for psychology practice resources in response to COVID-19. Here you will find the latest advocacy updates, reimbursement and licensing/regulatory guidance and other information to help navigate the public health emergency.



COVID-19

BUSINESS OF PRACTICE

Telecommunications funding program accepting applicants

April 13, 2020

Psychologists working in certain health care settings can now apply for funding to cover telecommunications services and devices under the CARES Act.



COVID-19

BUSINESS OF PRACTICE

Medicare provider relief fund

April 10, 2020

Eligible psychologists and practices to begin receiving payment under the CARES Act.

Billing and Regulatory Issues

- [Telehealth guidance by state during COVID-19](#)
- [Temporary changes to federal Medicare telehealth policies](#)
- [APA calls for comprehensive telehealth coverage](#)
- [The latest Medicare updates related to COVID-19](#)

Professional Practice Issues

- [COVID-19 and psychology services: How to protect your patients and your practice](#)
- [Four pieces of ethical advice for practitioners during COVID-19](#)
- [Self-care advice for health-care providers during COVID-19](#)



PracticeUpdate Newsletter

www.apaservices.org/practice/update

PracticeUpdate Newsletter Issues



Articles for PracticeUpdate newsletters reside in categories based on their subject matter, with the email newsletter appearing twice monthly in subscribers' e-mailboxes. Below are links to articles from 2018 to the present, sorted by the date of the original email newsletter publication:

2020

April 16

- How to provide telehealth in nursing homes
- Answers to practicing psychologists' latest questions about providing telehealth services
- Pain management in a crisis: APA's guidance on doing assessments and treating chronic pain during the COVID-19 crisis
- Telehealth testing with children: Important things to consider
- How COVID-19 may affect presurgical psychological evaluations



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LET'S HAVE A CONVERSATION

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For COVID-19 Information & Resources

www.apa.org/covid-19

INCLUDES:

- Fact sheets
- News articles translating, explaining and applying psychological science
- Episodes APA's *Speaking of Psychology* podcast
- FAQs
- Resources specifically for parents/caregivers, practitioners, researchers, supervisors, trainees, students, educators, etc.

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