



February 23, 2024

The Honorable Mia Bonta
Chair, Assembly Health Committee
1020 N Street, Room 390
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: ATA ACTION SUPPORT OF AB 2051 – *Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact*

Dear Chair Bonta,

On behalf of ATA Action, I am writing to express strong support for Assembly Bill (AB) 2051 which would enact the Psychology Interjurisdiction Compact (PSYPACT). PSYPACT is an interstate compact designed to facilitate the practice of telepsychology and the temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology across state boundaries which has now been enacted in 41 states.¹ ATA Action is pleased to see California take the first step towards adopting this important compact and expanding access to care and telehealth services.

ATA Action, the American Telemedicine Association's affiliated trade association focused on advocacy, advances policy to ensure all individuals have permanent access to telehealth services across the care continuum. ATA Action recognizes that telehealth and virtual care have the potential to truly transform the health care delivery system – by improving patient outcomes, enhancing safety and effectiveness of care, addressing health disparities, and reducing costs.

PSYPACT is an occupational licensure compact which allows professionals to practice in multiple states without having to obtain additional state licenses. The compact addresses increased demand to provide mental health services to populations currently underserved, in disadvantaged communities or geographically isolated. Utilizing telehealth services improves continuity of care for both urban and rural patients who may not have access to the care they need otherwise. This is particularly important to enabling and delivering efficient, 21st century care across state lines using digital health technologies.

We applaud your efforts to introduce this important piece of legislation and urge the committee to advance AB 2051 to enact PSYPACT. If you have any questions or would like to further discuss ATA Action's perspective on this critical issue, please contact me at kzebley@ataaction.org.

Kind regards,

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¹ The Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT®). <https://psypact.org/mpage/psypactmap>