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FYI, more from APA on progress on telehealth during coronavirus.

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Hi everyone, here is a quick note to update you on our progress...

I have been working closely with Dr. Mariann Burnetti-Atwell, CEO of ASPPB. They are gathering data from state boards of psychology to determine the current state of affairs regarding licensure and emergency provisions. They will share that information as soon as it is available.

My current strategy is 4-fold:

1. Licensure, telehealth reimbursement & advocacy
2. Resources for psychologist skills to provide telehealth
3. Resources for practice management and office / home office infrastructure (e.g. webcam, confidentiality, etc.)
4. Ethics, compliance, and risk management (e.g. HIPAA-conforming telehealth platforms)

APA will roll out a 50-state strategy for telehealth reimbursement advocacy with commercial payors and state regulators (e.g. insurance commissioners & Governors). Template letters for advocacy are written. We plan to partner with SPTAs to co-brand them for more impact.

I am very proud of my APA team; we strategized, planned, and implemented this in 3 days after PLC. Record time! This advocacy campaign will launch asap - likely early next week.

We are also nearly finished with new resources for telehealth informed consent, a telehealth patient check-list, an office preparation checklist, telehealth platform recommendations, and others. Those will be free to everyone and coming next week.

Be well, and stay tuned...

Jared

Best Regards,

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