

## MCA Ethics Committee Tele-Health Resources

The Mississippi Counseling Association Ethics Committee would like to provide some resources to assist with the recent proclamation for telehealth services. The Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors completed the MS LPC Board Proclamation on March 14, 2020. This proclamation can be located at <https://www.lpc.ms.gov/wplpc/>.

This proclamation allows temporary practice of TeleMental Service due to the governor declaring a state of emergency due to COVID-19.

The ACA code of ethics (2014) must be adhered including but not limited to the section on distance counseling as addressed under section H of the code of ethics (ACA, 2014).

<https://www.counseling.org/resources/aca-code-of-ethics.pdf>

The National Board for Certified Counselors provides specific ethical guidelines for distance professional services.

<https://www.nbcc.org/Assets/Ethics/NBCCPolicyRegardingPracticeofDistanceCounselingBoard.pdf>

The American Mental Health Counselors Association released a standard for practice for TeleMental Health.

<https://www.amhca.org/viewdocument/introduction-to-the-new-amhca-stand-1>

The Center for Credentialing and Education has a specific credential for Telehealth Providers

<https://www.cce-global.org/credentialing/dcc>

The Center for Credentialing and Education has a specific credentialing process to become a Board Certified-Telemental Health Provider.

<https://www.cce-global.org/credentialing/bctmh>

Although formal credentialing and training is not required during this COVID-19 state of emergency proclamation, training information is provided by the Center for Credentialing and Education.

<https://www.cce-global.org/credentialing/bctmh/training>

The Mississippi Counseling Association (MCA) Ethics Committee is a service association providing consultation of ethics to the members of the association but is not affiliated with the LPC board but has provided these resources as a service to the counseling community during this COVID-19 crisis.

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