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2 STATES
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1 STATE
Joined the Association for State and Provincial Psychology Boards’ PSYPACT Compact, which needs 7 states to be activated.

2 STATES
Joined the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Compact, which needs 10 states to be activated.

Everyone deserves options. Patients and caregivers should be able to choose how they receive health care services including considerations for their urgency, convenience, and satisfaction. Health care professionals should be able to use 21st century tools like telehealth to enhance the cost and quality of care.

Contact ATA to learn more.