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MEMORANDUM FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TO: All Licensees and Applicants for Licensure
FROM: Board of Licensure for Professional Art Therapists
RE: Telehealth Services
DATE: March 25, 2020

I know as art therapists, we want to provide continuity of care for our clients and practice social distancing during the COVID-19 crisis. Several LPAT's have contacted the Board for guidance on this matter. I have spent the past week working with our legal counsel to clarify the guidelines for LPAT/LPATA's to practice telehealth services during this unprecedented time. The Board does not have statutes or regulations governing the use of telehealth services by licensed art therapists in the state of Kentucky. Thus, LPAT/LPATA's can provide telehealth services, if they so choose.

If licensees provide services via telehealth, they must follow the Board's Code of Ethics, 201 KAR 34:040, and the Code of Conduct & Ethics set by the ATBC and AATA. Licensees should pay particular attention to the Board's Code of Ethics requirement that licensees practice within their area of competence. 201 KAR 34:040, Section 1(2)(k) and Section 4. Supervisors are reminded that they may not allow a supervisee to perform services outside the supervisee's area of competence. For more information about the Code of Conduct & Ethics set by the ATBC and AATA see:

Art Therapy Credentials Board, www.atcb.org
Code of Ethics & Conduct
Section 1.1 Responsibility to Clients; Section 2.9 Electronic Means

American Art Therapy Association, www.arttherapy.org
Ethical Principles for Art Therapists
Section 16

I have also recently received the following information from Donna Venno, Program Manager of the Kentucky Telehealth Program, with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. During the COVID-19 crisis, Kentucky Health Professionals can provide telehealth services in good faith. <https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/special-topics/emergency-preparedness/notification-enforcement-discretion-telehealth/index.html>. You can also view the Kentucky Telehealth Program website for guidance at www.chfs.ky.gov.

During future board meetings the LPAT Board will discuss adding telehealth services to our regulations. In the meantime, If you need to contact the LPAT Board, Megan Norton, Boards and Commissions Support Specialist, can be reached via email at PAT@ky.gov. The Department of Professional Licensing has extended all licenses expiring within the next 90 days, an additional 90 days.

As we move forward, I know you will continue to support your clients with the healing power of art making through various conscientious and creative means. Please remember to stop, breathe, and treat yourself with loving kindness. Your wellness should be your first priority. Take time to make art and nurture your own self care needs. We value your health and well-being.

Sincerely,

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