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**IPLA & Indiana Behavior Analyst Committee Provide
Update on Administrative Rules Promulgation;
Enforcement of Certain Telehealth Regulations under [IC 25-1-9.5](#)**

STATEWIDE – The Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (“IPLA”), the Indiana Behavior Analyst Committee (“the Committee”), and the Indiana Medical Licensing Board (“the Board”) are finalizing the promulgation of administrative rules at 844 IAC 21 that provide for the licensing of behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts. The Board’s draft rule, along with other required filings, are currently available in the Indiana Register under [LSA Document #24-437](#). This rulemaking is expected to be completed during the first quarter of 2025.

Behavior analysts are permitted to practice telehealth in Indiana, with a statutory scheme that addresses an on ramp to licensure. Specifically, Indiana Code defines the practice of telehealth to include services rendered by certain licensed practitioners, including behavior analysts.¹ [IC 25-1-9.5-3.5\(c\)](#) acknowledges that state-level licensure for the profession is new, and indicates that: “The term [“practitioner”] includes a behavior analyst during the time in which the professional licensing agency is preparing to implement licensure of behavioral analysts under [IC 25-8.5](#). This subsection expires January 1, 2025.” The same statute, at [IC 25-1-9.5-3.5\(a\)\(21\)](#), indicates that the definition of “practitioner” for telehealth purposes includes behavior analysts licensed under [IC 25-8.5](#) after the Committee successfully promulgates rules to govern the issuance of licenses.

As the Board’s rules, which will allow the IPLA to begin issuing licenses, will be finalized **after** January 1, 2025, the IPLA, the Board, and the Committee will **not** enforce the requirement that behavior analysts must be licensed to perform telehealth services until

¹ [IC 25-1-9.5-6](#) defines the practice of telehealth as: “the delivery of health care services using interactive electronic communications and information technology, in compliance with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), including: (1) secure videoconferencing; (2) store and forward technology; or (3) remote patient monitoring technology; between a provider in one (1) location and a patient in another location.”

the IPLA and the Committee can begin issuing licenses. The IPLA and the Committee anticipate that license applications will be available to behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts as early as the first quarter of 2025.

Additional updates and information will be provided on the IPLA's website, on the ["Behavior Analyst" web page](#), as it becomes available. Any questions in the meantime may be directed to the IPLA's staff to the Committee at pla8@pla.in.gov and/or communications@pla.in.gov.

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About the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA):

The Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA) was established by the Indiana General Assembly in 2005, consolidating the Indiana Health Professions Bureau and the former Indiana Professional Licensing Agency into one centralized umbrella agency. The IPLA now issues licenses for forty (40) different professions and over two hundred (200) unique license types. 1 in 6 working Hoosiers are currently licensed by the IPLA. The IPLA supports thirty-four (34) of the State of Indiana's occupational licensing boards, commissions, and committees in administering their duties and business, and also provides inspection services for certain professions and businesses across the state of Indiana. The IPLA partners with several other Indiana state agencies in providing professional licensing services, by managing the State of Indiana's online professional licensing system – the Indiana Licensing Enterprise. The IPLA's mission is to ensure Hoosiers have access to a robust, safe, and reliable professional workforce by providing licensure to professionals in a fair and efficient manner. For more information, visit the IPLA's website [here](#).