Illinois Social Work Telehealth

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Will your client be physically located in Illinois during your session?

No → Contact the licensing board in the state where your client will be during your session and ask for permission to practice there.

Yes ↓

Are you licensed as a social worker in Illinois?

Yes ↓

You can practice via telehealth.

No →

Is your client just visiting Illinois?

Yes ↓

You may see your client while they're visiting Illinois if:
- You have a pre-existing therapeutic relationship
- Your client isn't an Illinois resident*
- You're licensed as a social worker in your home state
- You meet with your client no more than 15 days a year and no more than 5 days a month

No →

Is your client attending college in Illinois?

Yes ↓

You may see your client while they're enrolled in an Illinois college or university if:
- Your client isn't an Illinois resident*
- You have a pre-existing therapeutic relationship
- You're licensed as a social worker in your home state

No ↑

You'll need to apply for Illinois licensure through the endorsement process with IDFPR.

**If your client becomes an Illinois resident at any point, this exception no longer applies.*

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