



December 4, 2019

Dan Logsdon
Director
National Center for Intestate Compacts
Council of State Governments
1776 Avenue of the States
Lexington, KY 40511

Dear Mr. Logsdon,

Apraxia Kids is the leading nonprofit that strengthens the support systems in the lives of children with childhood apraxia of speech(CAS) by educating professionals and families; facilitating community engagement and outreach; and investing in the future through advocacy and research.

We are pleased to support the Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact legislation that would allow audiologists and speech-language pathologists (SLPs) to practice across state lines.

As the national leading nonprofit on childhood apraxia of speech, we are keenly aware of the need for intensive and individual therapy services for children with CAS. These services must be delivered by an SLP who has specialty knowledge and experience in CAS. Therefore, a percentage of children diagnosed with CAS cannot receive the required appropriate type and intensity of treatment without the utilization of teletherapy options. This legislation would enable teletherapy to occur across state borders without cumbersome

We support this legislation that expands access to care and relieves burdens on practitioners while also maintaining robust state public protection provisions.

We look forward to hearing your progress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Grimm".

Angela Grimm
Executive Director