



# ASHA SIGs

Special Interest Groups

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Dear Mr. Logsdon:

On behalf of Special Interest Group 10—Issues in Higher Education of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, we are writing to support the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC). This compact is important due to the increase of telehealth practice, changing healthcare policies, and the increased mobility of clinicians and clients. Other licensed professions (e.g., medicine, nursing, physical therapy) have set a precedent by developing similar interstate compacts that allow their licenses to be portable across states.

The ASLP-IC provides benefits for consumers, states, and practitioners by:

- improving consumer protections across state lines;
- increasing access to care for patients, clients, and students;
- promoting cooperation between ASLP-IC member states;
- facilitating greater investigatory resources for state regulatory boards;
- providing support for relocating military spouses; and
- permitting practitioners to provide service to underserved or geographically isolated populations through telepractice.

We support this contract as we believe that it will enable efficacious speech, language, hearing, swallowing, and cognitive services to underserved and/or mobile populations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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