

September 1, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2164 (Rivas, Robert) – Telehealth – SUPPORT

Dear Governor Newsom:

At its July 9-10, 2020 meeting, the Board of Psychology (Board) adopted a **SUPPORT** position on AB 2164 (Rivas, Robert). This bill would provide that a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC) “visit” includes an encounter between an FQHC or RHC patient and a health care provider using telehealth by synchronous real time or asynchronous store and forward. The bill would clarify, for purposes of an FQHC or RHC visit, that face-to-face contact between a health care provider and a patient is not required for an FQHC or RHC to bill for telehealth by synchronous real time or asynchronous store and forward if specified requirements are met, including that a billable provider in the Medi-Cal program, and who is employed by the FQHC or RHC, supervises or provides the services for that patient via telehealth by synchronous real time or asynchronous store and forward.

As this bill increases access to psychological services, the Board asks for your “**Signature**” of AB 2164 (Rivas, Robert). If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Board’s Central Services Manager, Jason Glasspiegel, at (916) 574-7137.

Sincerely,



Seyron Foo
President, Board of Psychology

cc: Assembly Member Robert Rivas
Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Office of the Governor