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**EXTRAORDINARY AHPCSA POLICY DECISION
(TO BE PROMULGATED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE PRESENTLY
AS AN AHPCSA BOARD NOTICE)**



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**EXTRAORDINARY AHPCSA POLICY DECISION
TELEHEALTH AND TELEMEDICINE AS A RESULT OF SOUTH AFRICAN
STATE OF DISASTER**

The Executive Committee of the Allied Health Professions Council of South Africa (“the AHPCSA Exco”), after due consideration and in light of the South African State of Disaster as a result of the magnitude and severity of the Covid-19 outbreak which has been declared a global pandemic, taking into account sections 1(2)(a), 3, 4, and 9 of the Allied Health Professions Act, Act No 63 of 1982 (“the Act”), read together with Regulation 54(g) of Regulations No R 127 of 12 February 2001 and the Code of Ethics in terms of Section 54(9) of the Regulations No. R.127 of 12 February 2001 to the Allied Health Professions Act, Act 63 of 1982, as amended (“the Code of Ethics”), has resolved that all practitioners and therapists may practice Telehealth and/or Telemedicine for the period of the South African State of Disaster or as otherwise directed by the AHPCSA or the AHPCSA Exco, subject to the Guidelines as provided by the AHPCSA and the scope of practice of your profession.

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Any previous Board Notice dealing with Telemedicine is hereby suspended for the duration of the period South Africa is declared a State of Disaster or as otherwise directed by the AHPCSA or the AHPCSA Exco.

Should the AHPCSA become aware of any practitioner or therapist who does not comply with the Guidelines and/or practise outside his/her scope of practice, such person shall make himself/herself guilty of unprofessional conduct and face disciplinary action in terms of sections 23 to 30 of the Act.



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