



Alaska Psychological Association Survey Results on PSYPACT Adoption

Member support, implementation concerns, and policy direction for Alaska

AKPA supports moving PSYPACT adoption legislation, paired with implementation planning to address Alaska-specific concerns identified by members.

More than one-third of AKPA members responded to the survey. Among responding members, support for adoption was substantial, with 71% supporting Alaska joining PSYPACT and 21% opposing adoption. Respondents viewed PSYPACT as one tool to improve access to psychological care in Alaska, especially through continuity of care across state lines, rural access, and professional mobility. Because participation was voluntary, results should be interpreted as the views of responding AKPA members rather than as a statistically representative survey of all Alaska psychologists.

Key Findings

Respondents broadly supported adoption. A substantial majority of responding AKPA members supported Alaska joining PSYPACT. Support was not unanimous, but supportive responses substantially outnumbered opposition.

Respondents saw PSYPACT as an access tool. Respondents most often identified continuity of care for relocating patients as the most important benefit, followed by increased access for rural Alaskans and professional mobility. This suggests that PSYPACT should be framed as an access and continuity-of-care policy, not only as a rural-access measure.

Respondents identified implementation concerns. The leading concern was eligibility for non-APA/CPA graduates. This may affect a meaningful share of Alaska's current psychologist workforce, since 30% of respondents reported graduating from non-APA/CPA-accredited doctoral programs and another 5% were unsure. Cultural competence was also a significant concern, especially in relation to Alaska-specific practice contexts.

Optional written comments reinforced the major survey themes, especially continuity of care, rural and specialized access, eligibility concerns for non-APA/CPA graduates, and Alaska-specific cultural and practice context.

Implementation Considerations

If legislation moves forward, implementation planning should focus on two main issues:

1. **Eligibility guidance.** AKPA should support clear communication about PSYPACT eligibility, including attention to Alaska psychologists who may be affected by accreditation-based eligibility requirements.
2. **Alaska-specific practice context.** AKPA should support Alaska-specific practice resources for participating out-of-state psychologists, with attention to rural practice, tribal health systems, geographic isolation, crisis response limitations, and coordination with local providers.

Other concerns, including reimbursement, oversight, and enforcement of Alaska standards, were less prominent but may warrant brief attention during implementation.

Policy Direction

Given substantial support among responding AKPA members, legislators should consider advancing PSYPACT adoption legislation with implementation planning focused on eligibility, Alaska-specific practice context, and clear public guidance.

Source: AKPA member survey results generated through VoterVoice, March 31, 2026.

Survey Snapshot

Key Survey Result	Finding
Total responses	73
AKPA member response	More than 1/3 of members
Active Alaska psychologist license	66 (90%)
Currently serve patients in Alaska	69 (96%)
Support Alaska adopting PSYPACT	51 (71%)
Oppose Alaska adopting PSYPACT	15 (21%)
Positive expected effect on practice	36, 49%
Likely to participate if eligible	45, 63%
Top-ranked benefit: Continuity of Care	33 (45%)
Top-ranked concern: Non APA/CPA graduate	15 (21%)
Optional written comments	32

Percentages are based on reported survey results and may not sum to 100% because of rounding and skipped responses.