With a new presidential administration taking office this year, much of the mainstream news media has focused on legislative and regulatory actions at the federal level. I’ve always maintained, however, that the practice of psychology is most impacted by policies made at the state level, where the “rubber meets the road” for practice.

States vary in how they approach implementation of regulations and programs that affect the practice of psychology. For that reason, the Practice Organization’s collaboration with state, provincial and territorial psychological associations is crucial. The Directors of Professional Affairs and other staff at the local level are our eyes and ears in the field, keeping us abreast of issues that may percolate upward and have national implications for practicing psychologists.

In this issue of Good Practice magazine, we look at state-level developments on matters that affect practice and highlight the work of some of our state psychology leaders. We examine how prescriptive authority has taken shape since psychologists were first granted the right to prescribe medication to patients 15 years ago. We also delve into how states enforce regulations related to telehealth and Medicaid coverage.

We know that Practice Organization members look to their state psychological associations for guidance. That’s why we are committed to supporting state associations and providing them with the resources needed to be successful in advocating for practicing psychologists.

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Sincerely,

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