

The Indian Health Service (IHS) TeleBehavioral Health Center of Excellence in collaboration with the IHS Clinical Support Center (Accredited Provider) presents:

Telehealth Webinar Series

Ethical Issues in the Prescription of Mental Health Medications for Non-Prescribers

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July 28, 2026, | 12:00 pm EST, 11:00 am CST, 10:00 am MST, 9:00 am PST, 8:00 am AKST

Duration: 1 hour

Presenter:

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Description:

Professional codes of ethics provide a common set of principles and standards upon which behavioral health providers build their professional work. They have as their goals the welfare and protection of the individuals and groups with whom providers work. They require a lifelong effort to act ethically; to encourage ethical behavior by students, supervisees, employees, and colleagues; and to consult with others concerning ethical problems.

This webinar examines the complex relationship between the personal values and ethics of the patient, the non-prescriber behavioral health provider, and the mental health medication provider in the provision of ethically responsible care for a person receiving both mental health medications and psychosocial behavioral health interventions.

Outcomes/Objectives:

1. Analyze ethical dilemmas commonly faced by behavioral health non-prescribers regarding patients considering the option to receive mental health medications.
2. Examine ethical dilemmas when providing psychosocial behavioral health interventions in conjunction with a provider prescribing mental health medications.
3. Determine how the non-prescriber can best advocate for ethically responsible care for a person receiving both mental health medications and psychosocial behavioral health interventions.

Content Level:

Intermediate

Target Audience:

Target audience for training is clinical professionals, behavioral health specialists, and addiction specialists.

About the Presenter



Avron (Avi) M. Kriechman, MD, has nearly 45 years of experience providing behavioral health services to children, adolescents, youth and families in schools, Tribal, urban, and rural communities. He has served as the principal investigator for numerous Garrett Lee Smith Suicide Prevention grants and co-principal investigator for 5-year SBIRT programs in New Mexico and has worked in integrative health care services throughout his career.

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