## **APA Official Actions**

## Position Statement on No "Dangerous Patient" Exemption to Federal Psychotherapist-Patient Testimonial Privilege

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## **POSITION:**

It is the position of the American Psychiatric Association that there should be no "dangerous patient" exception to the federal psychotherapist-patient privilege.

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