



# Fall Quarter Newsletter

## Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

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Malcolm J. Porter, Public Member  
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### Message from the Acting Board Chairperson, Dr. Helene Levenfus

Dr. Valenta Ward-Gravely completed her second consecutive term on the board in October 2010. Dr. Ward-Gravely served as Board Chairperson during the past two years. She was instrumental in successfully guiding the board through many challenges and accomplishments. On behalf of the full Board and board staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Ward-Gravely for her dedication and leadership while serving on the board. As I complete my duties as the board's Acting Chairperson for the remainder of 2010, I look forward to serving as the Board's Chairperson in 2011.

The end of the calendar year is a very important time of transition for the board. As we concluded 2010 at our December 2nd board meeting, we welcomed newly appointed Audiology member, Dr. Karen Mitchell, elected officers for 2011, determined board meeting dates, and reviewed our priorities and goals for the upcoming year.

As all licensees should know, the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (OBSLPA) is completing the last few weeks of

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### Message from the Executive Director, Gregg B. Thornton, Esq.

Welcome to the fall issue of the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology eNewsletter. This edition contains important information about the 2010 license renewal. If you have not renewed your license yet, then you will find helpful information about the renewal

process, continuing education requirements, and our new option for placing your license in inactive status. All licenses for speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and aides expire at midnight on December 31, 2010. You will also find information about recent (Continued on Page 2)

## Message from the Board Chairperson

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the 2010 license renewal period. If you have not renewed your license, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to review the information in this newsletter about the renewal process. During the week of December 6<sup>th</sup>, the Board mailed a reminder letter to all individuals who have not renewed their license. Over 3,498 letters were mailed, which represents nearly fifty percent of people holding an active license in the professions that will expire at midnight on December 31, 2010. The feedback received about the online renewal process has been overwhelmingly positive. The online process takes only a few minutes to complete.

I would like to thank all you who have kept our professions strong by maintaining your continuing education hours. The Board recognizes that the majority of our licensees go far beyond the twenty hours that are required for renewal each biennium.

The Board is looking forward to another productive year in 2011. We will determine our priorities and strategic planning for the year during our strategic planning meeting in January. If you are experiencing any issues or concerns in the regulated professions, please let us know by contacting the board's Executive Director, Mr. Gregg B. Thornton. Thank you,  
Helene Levenfus, Au.D.

## Message from the Executive Director

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board appointments, Medicaid billing, and a summary of rules adopted or amended in 2010 by the Board.

We always invite you to provide feedback. If there is a topic or question you would like the Board to address in the newsletter, please let us know. In addition, I personally invite you to contact me directly at [gregg.thornton@slpaud.ohio.gov](mailto:gregg.thornton@slpaud.ohio.gov) if you have any questions or concerns.

As we conclude the 2010 calendar year, the Board looks forward to having another productive year in 2011.

Thank you.  
Gregg B. Thornton  
Executive Director

## Licensure Renewal 2010

**All licenses expire on  
December 31, 2010**

By Michelle Cunningham, Licensing Administrator

On August 27, 2010, the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology mailed out license renewal notices to all active licensees. Over half of active speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and aides have renewed their licenses thus far. A second reminder letter was mailed beginning the week of December 6,

**Has your contact information changed since the last time you renewed your license in 2008?**

**You may submit a written request to update your contact information at [board@slpaud.ohio.gov](mailto:board@slpaud.ohio.gov). Please include your license number. You may also update your information at any time using your assigned User ID/Password.**

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Reminder: Board meetings are open to the public.
- Public comment is welcome at all Board meetings.
- Please visit our website at [www.slpaud.ohio.gov](http://www.slpaud.ohio.gov) for the latest updates and information.

## Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

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### Licensure Renewal - 2010

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2010 to individuals who have not renewed their license. Please contact the Board at (614) 466-3145 or e-mail us at [board@slpaud.ohio.gov](mailto:board@slpaud.ohio.gov) if you have not received your renewal notice in the mail. All active licenses will expire on December 31, 2010, at midnight and must be renewed prior to January 1, 2011.

If you have not renewed your license as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist, the Board strongly encourages online renewal through its secure website. The renewal fee will remain \$100.00 for speech-language pathologists and audiologists. The renewal fee for individuals who hold a dual license (SLP & AUD) will be \$150.00. The renewal fee for speech-language pathology and audiology aides will be \$50.00. Dual license holders and aides must renew their license by mail using the renewal application included in your mailing from the board. To be timely filed, online renewals must be completed by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, December 31, 2010. Paper renewal applications must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2010. There will be a \$150.00 late fee applied to

any renewal application that is not received or post-marked by December 31, 2010.

The Board is pleased to announce that for the first time speech-language pathologists and audiologists may place their license in an inactive status for a fee of only \$25.00 if they do not intend to practice during the next licensure biennium, 2011-2012. You may find information about the renewal process, continuing education requirements, and inactive status on the Board's website at (<http://slpaud.ohio.gov/news.stm>).

All licensees are required to earn twenty hours of continuing education within the two-year renewal period immediately preceding the licensee's renewal application. Ten continuing education hours shall be acquired in the area of licensure. For a speech-language pathology license the ten hours shall be specific to the clinical practice of speech-language pathology; for an audiology license the ten hours shall be specific to the clinical practice of audiology. Ten continuing education hours may be acquired in areas related to speech-language pathology or audiology or both.

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### Licensure Renewal (cont. from page 3)

An individual licensed as both an audiologist and speech-language pathologist shall earn twenty continuing education hours for each license within the two-year period immediately preceding the licensee's renewal applications. However, appropriate continuing education hours may be used for both licenses. Ten continuing education hours shall be acquired in each area of licensure.

A licensee is not required to obtain continuing education for the first renewal. Please refer to continuing education requirements under Ohio Administrative Code section 4753-4-01 for more information.

Additionally, all licensees will be required to specify their practice setting on the renewal application. The Board will utilize this information to track shortages in specific practice settings and share that information with stakeholders such as OAA, OSLHA, OSSPEAC, and the Department of Education.

Finally, please ensure that your contact information is current. If you changed your mailing address, e-mail address, or name since the

This new enhancement will allow the Board to better assess, track, and address the overall shortages among the professions in Ohio.

Finally, please ensure that your contact information is current. If you changed your mailing address, e-mail address, place of business or name since the last renewal in 2008, please take a moment to submit your updated information in writing to [board@slpaud.ohio.gov](mailto:board@slpaud.ohio.gov). You may also update your contact information using your user ID/password at any time at the following link:

<http://www.slpaud.ohio.gov/changes.stm>. If you do not have your assigned user ID/password, please submit a written request to the Board office via mail, fax or e-mail. Updating your contact information will ensure that you receive your renewal notice in a timely manner.

We look forward to renewing your license. If there are any questions about the renewal process, please do not hesitate to let us know.

## Pocket Cards 2011-2012

### Same Look/New Color

Upon receipt and processing of your renewal application, the Board will mail a pocket card to your credential mailing address.

### What is different:

Pocket cards for the 2011-2012 licensure period will be **canary** color. White pocket cards will continue to be issued for Conditional Licensees and Student Permit Holders.

### What remains the same:

Pocket cards must be displayed in a conspicuous location. There is no limit on the number of pocket cards you may request and no fee.

## SURVEY SAYS

### Online Renewal Convenient \* Fast \* Secure

Well over 4,000 of your professional colleagues have already completed their online renewal application.

**The renewal deadline is  
midnight, December 31, 2010**

**Renew Online at:  
<https://license.ohio.gov/secure/default.asp>**



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### Continuing Education – Why did I receive an audit letter from the Board?

By Connie J. Stansberry, Board Investigator

We receive many questions about the continuing education audit. The following information will explain our continuing education audit process and what you are required to submit if you receive an audit letter. As you know, the renewal deadline is midnight December 31, 2010. Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 4753-4-01 (D), the Board may audit the continuing education of any licensee.

Shortly following the renewal deadline, licensee's that renewed on time will be randomly chosen for the Continuing Education Audit. The selection process is completely automated. **Anyone who renews within one year after the deadline will automatically be audited for their continuing education.**

The Board will send licensees who were selected for an audit a letter with information and instructions about the audit process. If you receive notification of the audit, you must submit documentation verifying that you completed the 20 hours of continuing education that are required pursuant to OAC 4753-4-01-(A). Acceptable documentation must show the sponsor, date of attendance, subject, credit hours, your name and a **brief**

**description** of the **objective** of the course. The best documentation is a copy of the ASHA/AAA registry, an unofficial college transcript, or a certificate of completion for a workshop, seminar, class or In-Service training. Copies may be faxed or scanned to PDF format and e-mailed to the Board office Investigator. Specific details are contained in the audit letter.

#### Some key reminders:

1. Verification of your continuing education shall reflect that continuing education hours were completed from 1/1/2009 through 12/31/2010.
2. Any hours that exceed 20 may not be carried over into the next renewal period.
3. Those newly licensed do not need to obtain continuing education for their first renewal and will not be included in the random selection process. If this is your first time renewing and you inadvertently receive an audit letter, please contact the board's investigator.
4. Those who recently became relicensed shall obtain 20 additional hours of CEUs for the renewal (unless the re-licensure date is 100 days or less of the renewal deadline).
5. Not complying with the audit in a timely manner, or not complying at all, could result in disciplinary action.
6. Attesting "yes" on your renewal application that you completed or intend to complete the required 20 hours of CEUs by December 31, 2010, yet not being able to demonstrate proof of those hours if you are audited, may result in disciplinary action.



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### Continuing Education - Why Did I Receive An Audit Letter? (continued from page 5)

7. Do not send Continuing Education documentation to the Board at this time. You are required to save documentation of completed Continuing Education for at least four years after the date of your license renewal. Documentation will be required in the event you are audited.

## Upcoming Conferences

### The Ohio Academy of Audiology (OAA) announces:



**Please join the Ohio Academy of Audiology in a day of education and networking - Pre-convention workshop for the Ohio Audiology Conference**

#### **THE CARE PROJECT: Counseling, Aural Rehabilitation, and Education**

Come and share in a great day of education and networking focused on audiologists, parents of children with hearing loss, teachers of the hearing impaired, speech-language pathologists, advocates for children with hearing loss, early intervention teachers, and anyone interested in children with hearing loss and their families

The Ohio Academy of Audiology is hosting Johnnie Sexton, Au.D., in presenting the program receiving national and international interest. The CARE project is focused on how to improve communities to support children with hearing loss and their families.

*CARE introduces the participants to 7 emotional stages of grief associated with loss and allows them to learn from and analyze 8 family perspectives presented through a documentary film viewing. This process will require active listening on the part of the participants and as each story is viewed in order to identify the different emotions discussed. The desired outcome for participants is to learn to become active listeners when counseling patients and their families. This program is designed to show how an individual facing hearing challenges needs to rely on a strong support system within the family and community, including the professionals with whom they work. (Additional information is available at <http://www.thecareproject.me/TheCareProject/Welcome.html>)*

**Where:** Embassy Suites Columbus Airport  
2886 Airport Drive; Columbus, Ohio 43219

**When:** Thursday February 17, 2011 from 9:00am to 4:15pm

**Cost for non-audiologists:**

**\$25 for the workshop without lunch**

**\$45 for the workshop including lunch**

**To register please contact Larry Giovinazzo, Au.D. at: [larrygiovinazzo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:larrygiovinazzo@sbcglobal.net)**

**Please note: A certificate of participation will be provided to any participant who requests this when they register for the session. CEUs are provided only to audiologists and only through the American Academy of Audiology. Registration for audiologists is \$90.00 postmarked by January 10, 2011, \$110.00 postmarked by February 4, 2011 and after February 4, 2011 \$130.00 which includes lunch, access to CARE materials through OAA, and CEUs.**

**Please join us for this exciting event and help build a strong community for children with hearing loss in Ohio!**



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### Upcoming Conferences (continued from page 6)

#### **The Ohio Speech-Language-Hearing Association (OSLHA) announces:**

OSLHA will hold its annual convention in Columbus at the Hilton-Columbus at Easton beginning March 17 through 19, 2011. The theme will be "Sharing the Keys to Unlocking Communication." For more information about conference sessions and registration, please visit OSLHA's website at [http://www.ohioslha.org/e\\_convention.htm](http://www.ohioslha.org/e_convention.htm).



### **Summary of Rules Adopted and/or Amended by Board in 2010:**

Rules Committee Chair, Ms. Loretta Embry is looking forward to working with fellow committee members, Ms. Amy Thorpe and Dr. Helene Levenfus in 2011. The Rules Committee adopted and/or amended the following rules in 2010:

#### **Five Year Rule Review**

4753-3-06 – Examination Requirements  
Effective Date: 8/24/10

#### **Professional Experience Requirements**

4753-3-07 (Amended) – clarified due date for Plans, Reports & Logs; eliminated reference that the length for a conditional license is twenty months (statute references 18 months).  
Effective Date: 5/1/10

#### **Expired License**

4753-3-10 (Amended) – streamlined renewal process for individuals whose license has been expired for more than one year.  
Effective Date: 5/1/10

#### **Inactive License**

4753-3-11 (New Rule) – adopted new rule permitting a licensee to place their license in inactive status and specifying the requirements for restoring the license to active status.  
Effective Date: 10/11/10

#### **Licensure Fees**

4753-5-01 (Amended) – specified the fee for inactive status and restoration; also corrected the date for when an initial license is issued less than one hundred days before the licensure renewal deadline, i.e., December 31.  
Effective Date: 10/11/10

### **A Special Note About Conferences**

**The Board has been invited to present at each of these conferences.**

- **Learn about issues affecting your license**
- **Learn about new changes/updates to laws and rules**
- **Opportunity to ask questions**
- **Direct access to board members and staff**



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### Summary of Rules Adopted and/or Amended in 2010 (continued from page 7)

#### AUD Grandfathering Requirements

4753-3-04 (Amended) – specifies the requirements for applicants applying for an audiology license pursuant to the grandfathering provision under R.C. 4753.06.

Effective Date: 12/15/10

#### Access of Confidential Personal Information

Chapter 4753-11 (New Rules) – adopted five new rules governing the manner in which the Board accesses and maintains confidential personal information required by state law.

Effective Date: 1/1/11

#### Web-based Supervision

4753-3-07 (Amended) – allows for onsite supervision during the PEY to occur via telepractice applications using real time, synchronous, encrypted videoconferencing.

Effective Date: 10/11/10

## ODE Caseload Ratio— Update

**ODE Awarding up to \$35,000 to School Districts for Caseload Ratio Project.**

**School-based Clinicians should share this article with your administration.**

**ODE EXTENDED Application Deadline to January 11, 2011!**

In early 2008 as changes were being made to the Operating Standards for Ohio Educational Agencies Serving Children with Disabilities, agreement could not be reached

among stakeholders on how to improve section (I) of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3301-51-09 on caseload ratios for the delivery of services. This impasse resulted in the formation of a steering committee whose stakeholder members were given the charge by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to:

- Gather information about service provider ratios from research, stakeholders and organizations;
- Analyze data; and recommend rule changes to ODE.

After a year of work, the steering committee recommended that districts have the opportunity to investigate various methods of calculating FTEs and service provider ratios. In response to the steering committee's recommendation, the Office for Exceptional Children (OEC) requested the State Board of Education to broaden the scope of determining caseload through an amendment to rule 3301-51-09 (I). The resulting rule change enables local educational agencies (LEAs) to apply for the opportunity to develop and implement a plan for the calculation of service provider ratios, so long as the LEAs continue to comply with caseload ratio parameters set forth in rule 3301-51-09 (I).

A project application is available to City, Local, Exempted Village School Districts, Community Schools and County Boards of Developmental Disabilities for one year of funding from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE)-OEC, to develop a plan to provide for an alternative method in the calculation of service provider ratios. OEC believes that this opportunity will generate a variety of methods for the calculation of appropriate ratios which can be used by other districts within the state.



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OEC will also be conducting a formal study to determine best approaches for determining service provider ratios. Awardees are expected to participate in the study as part of their involvement in the Caseload Ratio Project.

Applicants may apply for up to \$35,000. A second year of funding for implementation of the plan will be made available contingent upon successful completion of the year one project, review of the second year application and available/continued IDEA Part-B funds.

The application, requirements and procedures are posted on the ODE Web site at <http://www.education.ohio.gov/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?page=3&TopicRelationID=967&ContentID=89821&Content=89821> or go to [education.ohio.gov](http://www.education.ohio.gov) (<http://www.education.ohio.gov>) and keyword search Caseload Ratio Project. LEAs are encouraged to submit an application electronically to [exceptionalchildren@ode.state.oh.us](mailto:exceptionalchildren@ode.state.oh.us) (mail to: [exceptionalchildren@ode.state.oh.us](mailto:exceptionalchildren@ode.state.oh.us)) to propose alternative methods of determining caseload ratios for related service personnel and/or intervention specialists by close of business on January 11, 2011.

### Medicaid Billing—Update

The Board is currently working with the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) Medicaid Schools Program (MSP) coordinator, Mark Smith, to clarify questions about the conditional license, which is issued by the Board pursuant to section 4753.071 of the Ohio Revised Code. On

November 3, 2010, ODE informed the Board that the issue was whether conditional licensees would be seen by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), which is charged with administering the state Medicaid program, as a ‘licensed therapist of the healing arts.’

Since that time, the Board has exchanged multiple communications with ODE to clarify the following: the conditional license is a “license” issued to individuals who have completed graduate-level academic requirements, passed the PRAXIS examination administered by ETS, and are permitted to provide services without limitations to their scope of practice. Additionally, CMS, through the Code of Federal Regulations (42 CFR section 440.110) includes, as part of their definition for a speech-language pathologist, individuals who completed the academic program and are acquiring supervised work experience to qualify for ASHA certification. The Board’s requirements for completion of the professional experience in Ohio exceed those of ASHA.

After the discussion, the Board requested that ODE submit its concerns to the Board in writing. The Board intends to formally respond and clarify its position regarding the conditional license.

At the beginning of 2011, the Board, along with its Assistant Attorney General also intends to meet with officials at ODJFS and if necessary, CMS, to inform *(Continued on Page 11– Medicaid Billing Update)*



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### Board Organization and Meetings set for 2011

At the December 2, 2010, board meeting, the Board elected Dr. Helene Levenfus as Board Chairperson and Ms. Loretta Embry as Vice-Chairperson for 2011.

The Board scheduled the following board meetings for 2011:

- Monday, January 31
- Thursday, March 17
- Tuesday, May 17
- Wednesday, June 22
- Friday, August 12
- Wednesday, October 12
- Friday, December 2

Please visit the Board's website throughout 2011 for more information, including agendas and board meeting location and times.

Dr. Levenfus made the following committee appointments for 2011:

- Rules Committee: Ms. Embry, Chair, Ms. Thorpe and Dr. Levenfus
- Policy and Procedure Committee: Ms. Leppla, Chair, Mr. Porter and Dr. Mitchell
- Investigations (IRG) Committee: Dr. Levenfus and Ms. Thorpe
- Professional Competency Committee: Dr. Kukula, Chair, Ms. Leppla and Mr. Good
- Review Committee (January-June 2011): Dr. Kukula (AUD Applications), Ms. Thorpe (SLP Applications)
- Review Committee (July-December 2011): Dr. Mitchell (AUD Applications), Ms. Leppla (SLP Applications)

- Ad Hoc Committee on Equivalent SLP Qualifications: Ms. Thorpe, Chair, Ms. Embry and Ms. Leppla
- Strategic Planning: Mr. Porter, Chair, Dr. Kukula and Dr. Levenfus

Please visit the Board's website throughout 2011 for more information about committee meetings.

### Introducing Karen K. Mitchell, Au.D. - Audiology Board Member

The Board would like to welcome Dr. Karen K. Mitchell as the Audiology Board member. Dr. Mitchell was recently appointed to a full three-year term.

Dr. Mitchell serves as Director of Audiology & Hearing Aid Services at the Columbus Speech & Hearing Center. The program provides comprehensive diagnostic and amplification services to 4000 individuals annually. Dr. Mitchell joined the Center in 1979. She earned her Doctorate of Audiology from Arizona School of Health Sciences /A.T. Still University in 2007 and received her Master of Science degree in Audiology from West Virginia University in 1979. She is Board Certified by the American Board of Audiology and is a member of the American Academy of Audiology, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and the Ohio Academy of Audiology.

Dr. Mitchell is a Past-President of the Ohio Academy of Audiology (OAA) and received the OAA Honors of the Academy Award in 2010 for contributions to the profession and to the Academy. She was an OAA Representative to the Ohio Speech and Hearing Governmental Affairs Coalition (OSHGAC) from 2003-2010. She served as a Planning Committee Chair for the Ohio Audiology Conference from 2005-2009



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and as the OSHGAC Legislative Breakfast Planning Chair from 2004-2009. She has also served on the Ohio Task Force: Service Delivery to Children with Cochlear Implants and has participated in Ohio Department of Health committees addressing pediatric audiology services in Ohio.

**Medicaid Billing—Update** (continued from page 9)  
them about the status of the conditional license.

The Board will continue to provide clarification about the conditional license and work toward full resolution of all issues and concerns.

### Other Board Appointments

The Board would like to announce that Dr. Helene Levenfus was re-appointed to a full term as an audiology board member. Ms. Loretta Embry was re-appointed to a full term as a speech-language pathology board member. Mr. Malcolm Porter and Mr. J. Paul Good were re-appointed to a full term as public board members.

The Board extends its congratulations and appreciation to everyone recently appointed for their dedication and commitment to public service.

### Introducing - Darlene D. Young, Administrative Assistant

The Board would like to introduce and welcome Ms. Darlene D. Young as the new Administrative Assistant. Ms. Young has been with the Board since April 2010, and officially started in her position on November 22, 2010.

Ms. Young brings a wealth of customer service experience and diverse expertise in the area of office administration over the past twenty-five years of her professional career.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### How to verify the status of your license until receipt of your pocket card

After the Board processes your renewal application, you will receive a pocket card for the 2011-2012 licensure biennium by mail. Please allow three to four weeks from the date we receive your renewal application for your pocket card to arrive.



Until receipt of your pocket card, you may verify the status of your license at the following address on the Board's website:

<https://license.ohio.gov/lookup/default.asp?division=84>



# OBSLPA WINTER CALENDAR



December 1  
**December 2**  
**December 27**

Application Review and Approval  
**Board Meeting & Organizational Meeting**  
**Documents Received Deadline for Next Review**



January 3  
**January 8**  
 January 15  
**January 25**  
**January 30**  
**January 31**

Application Review and Approval  
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**Professional Competency Committee Meeting**  
**Board Meeting & Strategic Planning Meeting**



February 1  
**February 8**  
 February 15  
**February 25**

Application Review and Approval  
**Documents Received Deadline for Next Review**  
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March 1  
**March 8**  
 March 15  
**March 17**

Application Review and Approval  
**Documents Received Deadline for Next Review**  
 Application Review and Approval  
**Board Meeting**

Please visit the Board’s website at [www.slpud.ohio.gov](http://www.slpud.ohio.gov) for the specific time and location of the board meetings. In addition, you may also download the board’s agenda and meeting minutes. Please note that this calendar is subject to change without notice.



## Ask the Board:

### Regular Feature

Frequently asked questions will appear in each quarterly newsletter.



### **Who is to sign off on Medicaid billing for individuals practicing under a conditional license?**

Pursuant to section 4753.071 a person holding a conditional license may perform services for which reimbursement will be sought under the Medicaid program but all requests for reimbursement for such services shall be made by the person who supervises the person performing the services. This means that the licensed speech-language

pathologist who is responsible for supervising the conditional licensee under a Board approved Supervised Professional Experience Plan must sign-off on billing for services that are performed by the conditional licensee.