

# Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

## NEWSLETTER

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The past six months has been a busy period for the Board in dealing with the changes to our governing statute O.R.C. 4753. Senate Bill 143 was signed by Governor Strickland on June 30. Senate Bill 143 amends O.R.C. 4753 to create a student permit for speech-language pathology graduate students enrolled in one of Ohio's university programs. The change to our law was supported by the professional organizations in the state and involved their input in developing the language of the bill and the emergency rules that implement the new law.

No other state has a similar statute. Ohio is breaking new ground on the concept of allowing specifically trained individuals to practice speech pathology in a supervised setting. The Board received many comments, concerns and suggestions in this process. It is important that we all continue to do this through the next two months as we go from the emergency rules to the permanent rules for student permit holders. The emergency rules were drafted by the Board's Rules Committee and approved by the Board at the June 21, 2007 Board Meeting.

We need to remember it is a new initiative, and therefore, it is very difficult to write laws and rules for a new initiative when there are no models or evidence to refer to at this time. I attended the Rules Committee meetings when they worked on the wording for the emergency rules. The Rules Committee members listened carefully to the Ohio Department of Education working group's suggestions, the suggestions and concerns of many other professionals, and the concerns of consumers throughout the state of Ohio.

The Rules Committee has done an incredible job of listening to and considering everyone's suggestions and concerns. It was not a job they took lightly. Now with all of that being said, they realize that it is unlikely that the writing of these rules will be done perfectly the first time, but rules had to be in place ASAP so that this initiative could move forward by this fall. The Rules Committee had the foresight to put "emergency rules" in place. The emergency rule time-line will allow (1) the rules to be in place for the small group of students that will be affected this fall, (2) it will allow all concerned to look at these rules and the wording and give feedback...that is why your emails and conversations are so important at this time. (3) it will allow the Board staff and Board Members to walk through the process and forms with a

small group of students and their universities, and (4) finally, this designation of "emergency rules" will allow the rules committee and the Board to make additional changes to the rules by October before we must deal with larger groups of students next year.

Thank you so much for all of your help. I know that the Rules Committee members and the Board Members appreciate it greatly. Please continue to work with us as we all work through this process.



## **STUDENT PERMIT EMERGENCY RULES**

The Emergency Rules were authorized by Senate Bill 143 which was signed by Governor Strickland on June 30. The Emergency Rules (Chapter 10 of the Board's rules) take effect on August and will expire on November . Permanent rules on the student permit will be published and a public hearing will be held to discuss the proposed permanent rules. These proposed rules will be published in September in the Fall 2007 Newsletter. A Public Hearing on the permanent Student Permit rules will take place on Tuesday October 16, 2007.

**Comments and suggestions on these rules can be sent to the Board at the following address: [board@slpaud.state.oh.us](mailto:board@slpaud.state.oh.us)**

### ***Text of Emergency Rules on Student Permit Holders***

## **Chapter 4753-10 Speech-language pathology student permit**

### **4753-10-01 Educational Requirements for student permit**

(A) To be eligible for speech-language pathology student permit, an applicant must have met the following:

(1) He/she has completed one year (three semesters or four quarters) of study in a speech-language pathology graduate program at an Ohio college or university. The appropriate course work must be consistent with the population to be served and work setting to which the student will be assigned.

(2) He/she has completed no less than twenty five hours of observation and seventy-five hours of student clinical experience to be consistent with the population to be served and work setting. Competencies must be demonstrated and documented with the population to be served and work setting to which the student will be assigned.

#### **4753-10-02 Ohio speech-language pathology graduate programs requirements**

(A) The Ohio college or university speech-language pathology graduate program designee will recommend the applicant for the speech-language pathology student permit.

(B) The Ohio college or university speech-language pathology program designee will attest to the applicant's completion of one year of graduate study in speech-language pathology, twenty-five hours of observation and seventy-five hours or more of clinical experience.

(C) The Ohio college or university speech-language pathology graduate program designee will recommend the practice setting for the applicant's speech-language pathology student permit.

#### **4753-10-03 Supervision of speech-language pathology student permit holders.**

(A) The speech-language pathology student permit holders will be supervised by a speech-language pathologist licensed in Ohio, and under the direction of the college or university graduate program of the speech-language pathology student permit holder.

(B) Supervision of the speech-language pathology student permit holder will be detailed in the student permit plan.

(C) Credit for student clinical experience may be granted when supervision is conducted in accordance with requirements of the American Speech and Hearing Association and this board. Minimum supervision of the student permit holder will consist of twenty-five percent direct observation of treatment activities and fifty percent direct observation of diagnostic activities. The supervisor will be accessible to the student permit holder during all client contact.

#### **4753-10-04 Application for speech-language pathology student permit**

(A) All applications for a speech-language pathology student permit shall be submitted to the board at its principal office on forms prescribed by the board. The submitted application shall be typewritten or printed in ink.

(1) Submission of the application shall certify that all statements are true and complete.

(2) A photograph of the applicant shall appear in the space provided upon the hardcopy application form. It shall be an unretouched, passport size photograph taken within six months of the date of application, and the face shall be portrayed not less than three-fourths inch in width.

(3) All applications must be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of fifty dollars, which is to be paid at the time the application is filed with the board.

(4) All applications, evidence, statements and documents shall be retained by the board.

- (5) All applications must have the signature of the college or university designee.
- (6) All applications must include documentation verifying the applicant's completion of one year of graduate study in speech-language pathology and twenty-five hours of observation and seventy-five hours or more of clinical experience signed by the college or university designee.
- (7) The plan for the speech-language pathology student permit holder will include:
  - (a) The practice setting for the speech-language pathology student permit holder.
  - (b) The signature and license number of the supervisor for the speech-language pathology student permit applicant.
  - (c) The frequency, method and scope of supervision.
- (B) The student permit holder and Ohio university or college program will notify the board of any change in the plan within five business days. The student permit holder will not practice until a new application and plan has been approved by the board.
- (C) Any change in supervision or practice setting will require a new application and plan. The student permit holder will not practice until a new application and plan has been approved by the board.
- (D) A student permit holder may apply for a one year extension of the permit by providing the following:
  - (1) A statement of the reason for extension for the student permit.
  - (2) Completion of a second student permit application and plan.

**4753-10-05 Speech-language pathology student permit holder case load.**

- (A) The Ohio university or college program designee will determine the maximum case load of the student permit holder based upon the student permit holder's demonstrated and documented clinical abilities. The student permit holder will be limited to no more than fifty (50) cases.

**4753-10-06 Identification of speech-language pathology student permit holder**

- (A) Each applicant who is approved for a speech-language pathology student permit shall receive a certificate for office display. All permit holders shall display their certificate in a conspicuous place where the permit holder practices.
- (B) Each student permit holder shall wear identification indicating status as a "student permit holder."

(C) Any signature on documents must indicate “student permit holder status.”

## Proposed Rule Changes

The Board approved the following proposed rule changes at the June 21 Board Meeting **changes are noted in red**. Only the changed part of the rule is noted. A Public Hearing on these proposed rule changes will take place on Tuesday October 16, 2007.

### **4753-3-10 Exempt practice; renewal.**

(A) All persons who are duly licensed by this board shall be considered to be actively practicing the profession of speech-language pathology or audiology, regardless of work setting. Persons who are exempted from licensure, pursuant to section [4753.12](#) of the Revised Code, are not required to be licensed by this board. However, if such persons voluntarily choose to be licensed by this board, such license shall be controlled by the rules of this board. All persons licensed by this board, including those licensed by waiver pursuant to divisions (D) and (E) of section [4753.08](#) of the Revised Code, shall meet all requirements for license renewal in accordance with agency-level 4753 of the Administrative Code.

(B) Failure to biennially renew a license shall cause such licensure to expire as of the second December thirty-first of the biennium such failure occurred. Pursuant to section [4753.09](#) of the Revised Code, the board may renew the license of a person who applies to renew the license within one year after such expiration. If the application for renewal is made after one year, the person shall apply for licensure as provided in section 4753.06 or division (B) or (C) of section [4753.08](#) of the Revised Code. Any practice after expiration of the license is a violation of section [4753.02](#) of the Revised Code and shall be reported to the employer of the applicant when applicable.

(C) License renewal:

(1) Not less than thirty days prior to the deadline for licensure renewal all licensees shall be notified by the board office of the requirement to renew the license and submit the necessary fee and renewal application attesting to completion of continuing education hours **within the two year renewal period**.

(2) All licensees shall submit to the board a renewal application attesting to completion of the required continuing education hours **within the two year renewal period**.

(3) All legal requirements must be fulfilled before the license is renewed. Those requirements are the completion of the required hours of continuing education, attesting that the licensee has completed all required hours of continuing education **by the end of the renewal period**, completion of the application, and payment of all fees, including any late fees incurred.

(4) Licensees who submit the renewal application, attesting to continuing education or fee after the deadline shall be assigned a late fee.

(5) Continuing education hours submitted for late renewal shall not be used again for the next renewal.

(6) Upon completion of the requirements for renewal of the license, all licensees shall receive the renewal certificate.

(D) Late renewal

(1) Failure to complete legal requirements for renewal after December thirty-first of the renewal year shall result in the expiration of the license after that date. Renewal applications must be postmarked or electronically registered no later than **December thirty-first** of the renewal year. A renewal application received after **December thirty-first** of the renewal year shall be a late renewal and incur the late fee specified in rule 4753-5-01 of the Administrative Code.

(E) Expired license:

(1) A speech-language pathologist or audiologist may apply for renewal of an expired license if the license has been expired for one year or less. The board shall issue the license if the speech-language pathologist or audiologist:

(a) Submits to the board a completed application;

(b) Submits to the board an attestation of completing continuing education hours required for the two-year period immediately preceding the year of the application for renewal; and

(c) Pays to the board the renewal and late fees set by the board.

(2) The board shall not renew the license of a speech-language pathologist or audiologist who fails to apply for renewal of the license within one year after the license expires. A speech-language pathologist or audiologist whose license has been expired for more than one year may become licensed by:

(a) Submitting to the board a completed application and documentation of meeting the current requirements for obtaining a new license;

(b) Submitting to the board documentation of completion of continuing education hours required of a licensee during the period prior to expiration of the license and for each renewal period of expiration, or forty hours within the two years prior to the application or as approved by the board; and

(c) Paying to the board the application fee set by the board.

**(F) Escrow of license; restoration.**

**(1) A person licensed as an audiologist or a speech-language pathologist may, at the time of biennial renewal, apply for escrow of his/her license. The application for escrow shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed by 4753-5-01 of the Administrative code and by a signed statement that the licensee will not engage in the active practice of audiology or speech-language pathology, while the license is in escrow.**

**(2) A person whose license is in escrow may request a return to active status at any time by submitting a restoration application to the board. The application shall:**

**(a) Contain proof that the applicant has completed at least twenty hours of continuing education within the two year period immediately preceding the application for restoration. For restored licenses valid for less than one year, at least ten hours of continuing education prior to the expiration of the restored license shall be completed by the licensee. For restored licenses valid for one year or more, a licensee shall complete at least twenty hours of continuing education prior to the expiration of the restored license.**

**(b) Licensees seeking restoration of their license after two years shall submit evidence ten hours of continuing education per year of escrow license status with a maximum of forty hours for the entire period of escrow license status.**

**(c) Be accompanied by the fee for renewal of license prescribed by 4753-5-01.**

### **4753-4-01 Continuing education.**

(A) A licensee shall earn twenty continuing education hours within the two-year **renewal** period immediately preceding the licensee's renewal application.

### **4753-5-01 Speech-language pathologist or audiologist; fee for initial license; fee for renewal of license; late renewal fee.**

(C) Pursuant to division (B) of section [4753.11](#) of the Revised Code:

(1) The biennial renewal licensing fee shall be one hundred dollars for a holder of a speech-language pathology or audiology license. The biennial renewal licensing fee shall be one hundred fifty dollars for individuals who hold both a speech-language pathology and an audiology license.

**(2) A license shall be renewed during the period following dissemination of renewal applications by the board and December 31** of every other year. The prescribed fee shall be submitted to the board with the application for renewal provided by the board.

**(3) The fee for an escrow license shall be ten dollars for each biennial renewal.**

**(4) The fee for a student permit shall be fifty dollars.**

(D) The board of speech-language pathology and audiology pursuant to section 4753.09 and Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code shall issue a renewal card for each license and official duplicate issued by the board to each licensee upon payment of the biennial renewal licensing fee. Each licensee shall display official evidence of renewal with each license or official duplicate in a conspicuous place where the licensee practices speech-language pathology or audiology or both. Any practice after expiration of the license is a violation of section [4753.02](#) of the Revised Code and shall be reported to the employer of the licensee when applicable.

(E) The late fee for license renewal after **December 31** of the renewal year shall be one hundred fifty dollars.

## **Chapter 4753-8 Hearing Aid Sales and Advertising**

### **4753-8-01 Definitions.**

(A) "Hearing aid" means any wearable instrument or device designed or offered for the purpose of aiding or compensating for impaired human hearing, including all attachments, accessories, and parts thereof, except batteries and cords.

(B) "Practice of **"dispensing"** in" or "fitting" of hearing aids means the sale of a hearing aid, and the measurement and testing of human hearing by means of an audiometer or by any other means for the purpose of selecting, adapting, and selling a hearing aid to any person, and includes the making of impressions for earmolds.

(C) "Dispensing audiologist" means an audiologist who is licensed pursuant to Chapter 4753. of the Revised Code and who is engaged in the practice of **dispensing** in or fitting of hearing aids.

### **4753-8-03 Rules on appropriate hearing aid test procedures.**

(A) An audiologist is responsible for the accuracy of an evaluation and shall utilize the results of appropriate evaluative procedures on every individual to whom he/she sells or fits a hearing aid. He/she shall retain the results on file for a period of three years for **adult patients or in the case of a patient under the age of 21, three years past the date of the patient's twenty-first birthday, or as required by federal or state laws and regulations.**

### **4753-9-01 Code of Ethics.**

Following added to 4753-9-01 (B), (3), (m):

**(m) Licensees shall not disparage the goods, services, or business of another by false representation of fact.**

Comments and suggestions on these rules can be sent to the Board at the following address: [board@slpaud.state.oh.us](mailto:board@slpaud.state.oh.us).

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## **Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Subcommittee Seeking SLP Member**

The Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Subcommittee (UNHS) of the Medical Advisory Council (MAC) has the responsibility of advising the Ohio Department of Health regarding the administration of the Infant Hearing Screening Program. The program includes assuring universal

newborn hearing screenings (UNHS) are done on all babies born in Ohio hospitals, the tracking and follow-up of newborns who do not pass UNHS, and the provision of specialized habilitative services for those infants and toddlers who have permanent childhood hearing loss. The Subcommittee meets four times a year in Columbus and minimum attendance must be two of the four meetings.

Interested Speech-Language Pathologists should submit a brief bio (a formal vita/resume is not needed) and indicate their interest in serving if appointed. The Subcommittee reviews the bio(s) and recommends candidates to the MAC for official appointment. Information should be submitted to:

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Infant Hearing Program  
Ohio Department of Health  
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