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Virginia Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

2016 Regulatory Updates

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Overview

Presentation will provide information on

- Repeal of Chapter 20
- Promulgation of Chapter 21
- Assistant Speech-Language Pathologists
- Continuing Education



Acronyms

- **Code:** Code of Virginia
- **VAC:** Virginia Administrative Code
- **Regulations:** Regulations Governing the Practice of Speech-Language Pathology
- **DHP:** Department of Health Professions
- **BASLP or ASLP:** Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
- **SLPA:** Speech-Language Pathology Assistant or Assistant Speech-Language Pathologist



Board Staff

- **Executive Director: Leslie Knachel**
 - Reports to agency director
 - Responsible for overseeing the day-to-day functions of the Board's activities
- **Deputy Executive Director: Amanda Blount**
 - Reports to Executive Director
 - Responsible for disciplinary caseload
- **Operations Managers: Carol Stamey (L) and Terri Behr (D/C)**
 - Reports to Deputy Executive Director
 - Manage the licensure, disciplinary and compliance monitoring functions
- **Administrative Assistants: Tamara Farmer and Brandy Latvala**
 - Report to Operation Manager
 - Performs duties related to licensing



Board Functions

As a member board under DHP, the Board adheres to the mission statement of the agency:

Our mission is to ensure safe and competent patient care by licensing health professionals, enforcing standards of practice, and providing information to health care practitioners and the public.



Board Activities vs. Professional Associations

- The Board's primary responsibility is to protect the public
- Professional Associations advocate for the profession

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Announcements

Growing number of Zika virus cases reported in Virginia



Primarily a mosquito borne disease, the Zika virus is most impactful in warmer seasons when illness can be transmitted by insects carrying the virus from one person to another. In fact, 15 cases have been reported in the Commonwealth as of May 12, 2016. Maintaining a keen awareness for the transmission and treatment of Zika virus infection is an imperative for healthcare practitioners. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) offers a variety of [related information and tools](#) on its website.

Download the [Virginia State Zika Response Plan](#)
For quick information, consult VDH's [Zika Fact Sheet](#)

About the Agency

David E. Brown, D.C., Director

The Department of Health Professions (DHP) is pleased to introduce on behalf of the Commonwealth's 13 health regulatory boards and the Board of Health Professions, this [brief synopsis on the work of the boards](#) to license and regulate Virginia's 350,000 healthcare practitioners across 80 professions. Each board works "To ensure safe and competent patient care by licensing health professionals, enforcing standards of practice, and providing information to health care practitioners and the public."

File a Complaint

How to File a Complaint

Read More about the Enforcement Process

View the video: "How to file a complaint with a health regulatory board"

News

Behaviors associated with doctor shopping for the illegitimate use of

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- 18VAC30-20-160. Reinstatement of lapsed license.
- 18VAC30-20-170. Requirements for licensure.
- 18VAC30-20-171. Provisional licensure.
- 18VAC30-20-185. Licensure by endorsement.

To review the specific changes, please go to the [Virginia Regulatory Town Hall](#). The newly effective regulations are posted to the [Laws and Regulations page](#).

Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Board Executive Director, Leslie Knachel, provides this [update regarding licensure for School Speech-Language Pathologists with VDOE Endorsement](#).

Applications and Forms

[Checklist and Application for Initial Application with Virginia Board of Education Endorsement - School Speech-Language Pathology License](#)

[FAQs for Application for Speech-Language Pathology Licensure with Virginia Board of Education Endorsement](#)

APPLICANTS WHO DO NOT HOLD VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT MUST APPLY USING AN APPLICATION FOUND ON THE [APPLICATIONS AND FORMS PAGE](#)

For additional information from the Department of Education, regarding state requirements for health regulatory board licensure of school Speech-Language Pathologists please click the links below.

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/administrators/superintendents_memos/2014/139-14.shtml
http://www.doe.virginia.gov/administrators/superintendents_memos/2014/085-14.shtml
<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/index.shtml>
http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/school_speech_language_pathologist/index.shtml

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Other Citizen Services

VIRGINIA COORDINATED RESPONSE AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Get information about human trafficking, resources for victims, and reporting of a suspicion of trafficking.

Military Credentialing

Important Information For Active Duty Service Members, Veterans & Military



Regulatory Updates



Law and Regulation Numbering

- § 54.1-2600 et seq.
 - § = section symbol
 - 54.1 = Title
 - 26 = chapter
 - 2600 = section within the chapter
 - Et seq. means all of the sections within the chapter
- **18 VAC 30-20-10**
 - 18 = Title
 - VAC = Virginia Administrative Code
 - 30 = Agency
 - 20 = Chapter
 - 10 = Section



Repeal of Chapter 20

- NOIRA issued in 2011
- Effective on 9/21/16



Promulgation of Chapter 21

- NOIRA issued in 2011
- Effective on 8/10/2016
- Since 2011 the additional regulatory actions have taken place:
 - Fee reductions (effective 6/5/2013 and 8/12/2015)
 - License for SSLP (effective 8/13/14)
 - Provisional license for SLPs (effective 1/15/15)
 - FEES (effective 10/7/2015)
 - Cerumen Management (effective 7/27/2016)
 - Assistant SLPs (effective 7/27/2016)



Regulatory “Clean Up”

- Incorporation of cerumen management and assistant speech-language pathologists (effective 9/21/2016)
- Clarification of Chapter 21
 - SSLPs added to inactive or reactivation of licensure (18VAC30-21-110)
 - SSLPs added to reinstatement of a lapsed license (18VAC30-21-120) and separate section deleted (18VAC30-21-130)



Virginia Regulatory Town Hall

Registering on the Town Hall website is an excellent way to stay abreast of all regulatory actions in process or taken by the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology or any other Virginia regulatory body. To register go to <http://townhall.virginia.gov> and choose your areas of interest. Whenever a regulatory action takes place within an individual’s registered area of interest, an automatic email notification is sent.



Assistant Speech-Language Pathologists

Background

- Board does not have authority to license, certify or register assistant SLPs
- 2014 legislation to prescribe qualifications, tasks and supervision requirements
- 2016 legislation to study impact of licensure or certification and report to legislative committee chairs



Regulations for Assistant SLPs

Regulatory Highlights (not all inclusive):

- Responsibility of a licensee
 - Responsible for performance and activities
 - Documented knowledge of supervision arrangement
 - Direct services provided at least every 30 days
 - Disclosure to client
- Supervision
 - Provide as needed based on assistant's KSAs
 - Supervision limited to two full-time equivalents
 - Onsite, supervision at least two sessions in 30 days



Regulations for Assistant SLPs

Activities (not all inclusive):

- Assist but no clinical interpretation of results
- Activities requiring no professional judgment
- Document and report information
- Assist with program augmentative and alternative communication devices
- Prepare charts, records or graphs
- Schedule appointments or activities
- Check and maintain equipment
- Assist client with transition to and from therapy sessions



Regulations for Assistant SLPs

Regulatory Highlights:

- Qualifications
 - Bachelors or associates degree or previous employment in another state as an assistant
 - Documented training by a licensed SLP



Regulations for Assistant SLPs

Regulatory Highlights (not all inclusive):

Cannot do the following:

- Represent self as an SLP
- Perform diagnostic tests
- Tabulate or interpret swallowing evaluations or determine feeding plan
- Participate in formal conference or meetings without SLP
- Provide interpretative information to client or family
- Write, develop or modify a treatment plan or determine need for services
- Sign documents in lieu of SLP
- Select clients for service, discharge or referral
- Disclose confidential information only as allowed by law



Assistant SLP Report

- Draft report available in agenda package for September 8, 2016 board meeting found on Board's website (pages 83 -103)
- Recommendations
 1. Amend the § 54.1-2605 of the Code to use the title of SLP assistants for consistency with other states and ASHA
 2. Board to continue its review of practice and regulation of assistant SLPs following a survey on utilization and distribution of assistants
 3. General Assembly take no additional action at this time.



Continuing Education

Highlights of **BIG** changes:

- 10 hours per year for all licensees
- Activities, programs or courses related to speech-language pathology
- Offered or approved by an accredited sponsor
- Board no longer approves CE providers



Implementing New CE Requirements

License issued in even year

- CE due 12/31/2016 for renewal
- Only need 10 hours
- Over 30 hours on 8/10/2016; carryover eligible
- Over 10 hours on/after 8/10/2016; carryover eligible

License issued in odd year

- No CE due on 12/31/2016 for renewal
- Over 10 hours on/after 8/10/2016; carryover eligible

2017

All licensees must have 10 hours for the 2017 calendar year



Audits

- Random audit of licensees done annually
- Certificates
 - Name of sponsor or organization
 - Name of course or program
 - Date of completion
 - Number of hours
- Document must be kept for 3 years



Guidance Documents

- A guidance document is defined as "...any document developed by a state agency or staff that provides information or guidance of general applicability to the staff or public to interpret or implement statutes or the agency's rules or regulations..."
- Guidance documents are not laws or regulations and are not enforceable as such.
- Review guidance document 30-9 *Continuing Education (CE) Audits and Sanctioning for Failure to Complete CE*

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- News You Need: Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Regulatory Update - 09/24/2015
- News You Need: Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Regulatory Update - 01/23/2015
- News You Need: Emergency Regulations for Cerumen management - 01/12/2015
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Question and Answers
