

# Administrative Rule Analysis



## SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY – GENERAL RULES

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**Rule Set No.: 2021-73 LR**  
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**Department: Licensing and Regulatory Affairs**  
**Agency: Bureau of Professional Licensing**  
**Enabling Statute: Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16145, 333.16148, 333.17601, 333.17607, 333.17609, 333.17610, and 333.17611, et seq.**

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## BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RULES

Rule Set 2021-73 would make numerous amendments, rescissions, and additions to the rules pertaining to the speech-language pathology profession. The changes would accomplish the following:

- Remove and add definitions.
- Clarify requirements for licensure by endorsement, temporary licensure, and relicensure.
- Limit issuance of a temporary license to a period of 24 months and allow one renewal for an additional 12 months.
- Clarify licensure requirements for graduates of non-accredited institutions.
- Adopt the 2023 edition of the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology standards; the 2021 edition of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation standards; and the 2020 U.S. Department of Education criteria for recognition.
- Raise the fee for copies of standards adopted by reference from \$0.10 per page to \$0.25 per page.
- Require license renewal applicants to submit a request for a waiver of continuous professional development requirements at least 30 days before the last board meeting before the expiration date of the license.
- Allow implicit bias training completed in the two years preceding license expiration to be used toward continuous professional development requirements.
- Require licensees to obtain consent for treatment before providing a telehealth service, keep proof of consent in the patient's medical records, act within the scope of practice, and exercise the same standard of care applied in-person.
- Add 'tracheoesophageal prosthesis replacement' to the list of physically invasive procedures requiring supervision.

## FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED RULES

2021-73 is not anticipated to affect the expenditures or revenues of any state or local government units. Any fiscal impact from the fee increase related to copies of standards adopted by reference would likely be minimal, and thus would not have any appreciable impact on revenue for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

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