

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Bureau of Professional Licensing
Administrative Rules for Speech-Language Pathology – General Rules
Rule Set 2020-78 LR

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

01:00 PM

The public hearing will be held virtually via Zoom to receive public comments while complying with measures designed to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID 19).
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89584407954?pwd=R0ZmOGhNUMw5Z24xZ3g4a2UveGx4dz09> Password for video connection: 759646 Phone number: 877-336-1831 Conference Code for audio connection: 486917

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on proposed changes to the Speech-Language Pathology – General Rules rule set.

The proposed rules will clarify terms used in the rule set; insert a date of promulgation for the rule on identifying victims of human trafficking; clarify the name of the licensure examination, add a requirement that the applicant have educational program verification sent directly to the department; change the educational limited license to a temporary license and limit the license to a license that the department may only issue for 12 months and is nonrenewable to conform with MCL 333.17609(4); clarify the number of hours of required direct clinical contact, as well as required activities within the scope of practice of a speech-language pathologist; require for graduates of non-accredited institutions to have educational program verification sent directly to the department and have a credential evaluation agency that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) perform a credential evaluation; update accreditation standards; add criteria related to good moral character and fingerprints as conditions for relicensure; add criteria for relicensure of certified teachers related to good moral character, verification of credentials, and continuing professional development credits; include a requirement that a certified teacher limited license holder send a verification of employment form to the department; change the submission date for board review for board review of proposed continuous professional development providers from 60 days to 120 days prior to the proposed program date; align the requirements for referral of patients with swallowing disorders and communication disorders with MCL 333.17607(3) and allow referrals to those licensed in the practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine or an advanced practice registered nurse.

MCL 333.16145, 333.16148, 333.17601, 333.17607, 333.17609, 333.17610, and 333.17611, as well as Executive Reorganization Nos. 1991-9, 1996-2, 2003-1 and 2011-4, MCL 338.3501, 445.2001, 445.2011, and 445.2030. These rules will take effect immediately after filing with the Secretary of State. The rules are published on the Michigan Government web site at <http://www.michigan.gov/moahr> and in the Michigan Register in the 1/15/2021 issue. Copies of the draft rules may also be obtained by mail or electronic transmission at the following address:

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Comments on the rules may be made in person at the hearing or by mail or electronic mail until 1/19/2021 at 05:00PM.

The public hearing will be conducted in compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act, in accessible buildings with handicap parking available. Anyone needing assistance to take part in the hearings due to disability may call 711- to make arrangements.