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### RULE ADOPTIONS

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#### Administrative Code Citation

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**Adopted Amendment: N.J.A.C. 13:44C-7.1**

#### Text

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##### **Scope of Practice--Audiology**

Proposed: October 5, 2020, at 52 N.J.R. 1810(a).

Adopted: February 16, 2021, by Kaitlin A. Caruso, Acting Director,  
Division of Consumer Affairs.

Filed: April 20, 2021, as R.2021 d.049, **without change.**

Authority: N.J.S.A. 45:3B-24 and P.L. 2019, c. 041.

Effective Date: May 17, 2021.

Expiration Date: January 15, 2023.

##### **Summary** of Public Comments and Agency Responses:

The official comment period ended December 4, 2020. The Director received comments from the following individuals:

1. Robynne Kratchman, MS, CCC-SLP, President, New Jersey Speech-Language-Hearing Association; and

2. Dr. Robert M. Disogra, FAAA, Audiology Consultant.

COMMENT: The commenters support the proposed amendments at N.J.A.C. 13:44C-7.1, which allow licensed audiologists to dispense and fit hearing aids.

RESPONSE: The Acting Director thanks the commenters for their support.

### **Federal Standards Statement**

A Federal standards analysis is not required because there are no Federal laws or standards applicable to the adopted amendments.

**Full text** of the adoption follows:

#### SUBCHAPTER 7. AUTHORIZED PRACTICE

##### 13:44C-7.1 Scope of practice--audiology

(a) The practice of audiology includes the following functions related to hearing, its disorders, and related communication impairments:

1.-8. (No change.)

9. Screening of speech-language, use of sign language, and other factors affecting communication function for the purposes of an audiological evaluation and/or initial identification of individuals with other communication disorders;

10. Assessment and nonmedical management of tinnitus using biofeedback, masking, education, and counseling; and

11. Dispensing and fitting of hearing aids.

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