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Readoption with Amendments: *N.J.A.C. 13:44C*

Adopted Repeal: *N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.3*

Adopted New Rule: 13:44C-7.2B

Rules of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee

Proposed: September 15, 2008 at *40 N.J.R. 5175(a)*.

Adopted: February 4, 2009 by David M. Szuchman, Director, Division of Consumer Affairs.

Filed: February 17, 2009 as R.2009 d.87, **with technical changes** not requiring additional public notice and comment (see *N.J.A.C. 1:30 -6.3*).

Authority: *N.J.S.A. 45:3B-24*.

Effective Dates: February 17, 2009 , Readoption; March 16, 2009 , Amendments, Repeal and New Rule.

Expiration Date: February 17, 2014 .

Summary of Agency-Initiated Changes:

1. During review of the proposed new rule, N.J.A.C. 13:44C-7.2B, prior to adoption, the Director determined that the term "an infant" in subsection (a) did not accurately identify the individuals upon whom licensees perform outpatient screening or audiologic testing pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 8:19-1.9*. The Director has changed N.J.A.C. 13:44C-7.2B to replace the term "an infant" with "a child" in order to accurately identify the individuals upon whom licensees performs such tests.
2. In order to precisely identify the forms a licensee is required to submit to the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services under *N.J.A.C. 8:19-1.11*, the Director has changed N.J.A.C. 13:44C-7.2B(b)1 and 2 to include the form numbers assigned by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

Federal Standards Statement

A Federal standards analysis is not required because there are no Federal laws or standards applicable to the subject matter of the rules readopted with amendments and a new rule.

Full text of the readopted rules can be found in the New Jersey Administrative Code at *N.J.A.C. 13:44C*.

Full text of the adopted amendments and new rule follows (additions to proposal indicated in boldface with asterisks ***thus***; deletions from proposal indicated in brackets with asterisks ***[thus]***):

SUBCHAPTER 3. REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AS AUDIOLOGIST OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

13:44C-3.1 Application forms

(a) Applications for licensure may be obtained at the office of the Advisory Committee, 124 Halsey Street , Newark , New Jersey 07101 . The Committee's mailing address is Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee, Post Office Box 45002 , Newark , New Jersey 07101 . The Committee's website is <http://www.nj.gov/oag/ca/medical/audiology.htm>.

(b) (No change.)

13:44C-3.2 Requirements for licensure

(a) An applicant for licensure shall submit to the Committee proof that the applicant has:

1. Graduated from:

i. A doctoral degree program in the area of audiology, speech-language pathology, or both, accredited by either the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or the Accreditation Council for Audiology Education of the American Academy of Audiology. The college or university awarding the degree shall be recognized by either the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education or another state's department of education;

ii. A master's degree program in the area of audiology, speech-language pathology, or both, at an accredited college or university recognized by the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education, or another state's department of education, which meets the educational requirements of *N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.3*; or

iii. A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university recognized by the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education, or another state's department of education, and 42 post-baccalaureate semester hours acceptable toward a master's degree at a college or university recognized by the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education, or another state's department of education. Of these 42 hours, at least 30 shall be in the area of speech-language pathology or audiology and at least 21 shall be obtained from a single college or university. No more than six hours may be in courses that provide credit for clinical practice. The bachelor's degree and post-baccalaureate hours shall meet the educational requirements of *N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.3*; and

2. (No change in text.)

(b) An applicant who completed a master's degree or bachelor's degree pursuant to (a)1ii or iii above shall also complete a clinical internship, in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.5*, in either audiology, speech-language pathology, or both, as appropriate.

13:44C-3.3 Additional education requirements

(a) Applicants who completed the educational requirements of *N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.2(a)1ii* or *iii* shall complete 75 hours of academic credit dealing with the normal aspects of human communication, development and disorders thereof and clinical techniques for evaluation and management of such disorders. The 75 hours of academic credit shall consist of:

1.-3. (No change.)

(b) Applicants who completed the educational requirements of *N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.2(a)1ii* or *iii* shall also complete 25 clock hours of supervised observation of the evaluation and treatment of children and adults with disorders of speech, language or hearing.

[page=1260] (c) Applicants who completed the educational requirements of *N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.2(a)1ii* or *iii* shall also complete 350 clock hours of supervised clinical experience with individuals who present a variety of communication disorders. This supervised clinical experience shall be obtained within the educational institution in which the applicant is receiving training, or in one of its cooperating programs. No more than 25 of the 350 clock hours may be obtained from participation in situations in which evaluation, treatment and/or recommendations are discussed or

formulated, with or without the client present.

13:44C-3.4 Licensure without examination due to licensure in another state

(a) (No change.)

(b) An applicant for licensure qualified pursuant to (a) above shall submit to the Committee proof that the applicant has:

1. Graduated from:

- i. A doctoral degree program in the area of audiology, speech-language pathology, or both, accredited by either the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or the Accreditation Council for Audiology Education of the American Academy of Audiology. The college or university awarding the degree shall be recognized by either the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education or another state's department of education;
- ii. A master's degree program in the area of audiology, speech-language pathology, or both, at a college or university recognized by the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education or another state's department of education; or
- iii. A bachelor's degree from a college or university recognized by the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education, or another state's department of education, and 42 post-baccalaureate semester hours acceptable toward a master's degree. Of these 42 post-baccalaureate hours, at least 30 shall be in the area of speech-language pathology or audiology and at least 21 shall be obtained from a single college or university. No more than six hours may be in courses that provide credit for clinical practice; and

2. Holds a current license in a state, which has standards substantially equivalent to those of New Jersey .

(c) An applicant who completed a master's degree or bachelor's degree pursuant to (b)1ii or iii above shall also:

1. Meet the educational requirements of *N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.3*; and

2. Complete a clinical internship, in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.5*, in either audiology, speech-language pathology, or both, as appropriate.

13:44C-3.5 (No change in text.)

SUBCHAPTER 5. APPLICANTS FOR TEMPORARY LICENSURE AS AUDIOLOGIST OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

13:44C-5.1 Applications

(a) Applications for temporary licensure may be obtained at the Office of the Advisory Committee, 124 Halsey Street , Newark , New Jersey 07101 . The mailing address is Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Committee, Post Office Box 45002 , Newark , New Jersey 07101 . The Committee's website is <http://www.nj.gov/oag/ca/medical/audiology.htm>.

(b) (No change.)

13:44C-5.2 Requirements for temporary licensure

(a) (No change.)

(b) An individual who requires a temporary license in order to commence a clinical internship shall submit to the Committee:

1. (No change.)
2. A supervision plan signed by the applicant and supervisor licensed in New Jersey ;
3. (No change.)
4. Proof that the applicant has met the educational requirements of *N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.3*.

SUBCHAPTER 6. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

13:44C-6.2 Allocation of credit

(a) (No change.)

(b) Credit for all Continuing Professional Education will be granted as follows for each two-year period:

1.-3. (No change.)

4. Attendance at seminars, lectures or in-service workshops: one hour per contact hour.

5. (No change.)

6. Successful completion of graduate course work taken beyond that required for professional license: 15 hours per course credit, up to a maximum of 15 hours.

7. Reading journal articles from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or the American Academy of Audiology, one hour per article, up to a maximum of six hours.

8. Successful completion of on-line seminars recognized by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or the American Academy of Audiology; one hour for each hour of the seminar, up to a maximum of 10 hours.

(c) (No change.)

13:44C-6.3 Documentation of continuing education credits

(a)-(b) (No change.)

(c) The licensee shall verify individual activities by retaining the following:

1. (No change.)

2. For presentations, copies of the program, syllabus, course outlines, course objectives and bibliographies;

3. For teaching appointments, copies of the syllabus, bibliography, course outline and verification from the academic institution that the course was not previously taught by the licensee; and

4. For reading articles and completing on-line seminars, certificates of completion from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or the American Academy of Audiology.

(d) A licensee may document completion of continuing education programs, self-assessment home study courses, reading journal articles or on-line seminars through a transcript from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or the American Academy of Audiology continuing education registry.

Recodify existing (d) and (e) as (e) and (f) (No change in text.)

13:44C-6.6 Subjects; sponsors

(a) Acceptable Continuing Professional Education shall be related to the practice of audiology or speech-language pathology.

(b) (No change.)

SUBCHAPTER 7. AUTHORIZED PRACTICE

13:44C-7.2B Reporting to Department of Health and Senior Services

(a) Pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 8:19-1.10*, a licensee who conducts outpatient screening or audiologic testing required by *N.J.A.C. 8:19-1.9* on **[an infant]** ***a child*** shall complete the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services' Newborn Hearing Follow-up Report form, submit the report to the Department of Health and Senior Services and report the results of the testing to the **[infant's]** ***child's*** primary care provider within 10 days of the test being performed.

(b) Pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 8:19-1.11*, when a licensee confirms a permanent hearing loss^{*},^{*} he or she shall complete and submit to ***the*** New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services:

1. A Newborn Hearing Follow-up Report form ***(form number SCH -2)***, for children up to 36 months old; and
2. A Special Child Health Services Registration form ***(form number SCH -0)***, for children up through 21 years of age.

SUBCHAPTER 8. STANDARDS FOR PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

13:44C-8.1 Recordkeeping

(a) Licensees shall maintain written, contemporaneous patient records, which include:

1.-2. (No change.)

[page=1261] 3. Dated documentation of each treatment rendered, which contains the licensee's full name and license number;

4.-8. (No change.)

(b)-(d) (No change.)