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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control No. ___ Department or Agency Alabama Board of Examiners for Speech Language Pathology & Audiology
Rule No. 870-X-2.06

Rule Title: Assistant Registration

_____ New Amend _____ Repeal _____ Adopt by Reference _____

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? NO

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? YES

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? NO

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? NO

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? NO

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? YES

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? NO

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 412223, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer Wanda C. Raulerson

Date 05-14 2013

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Alabama Board of Examiners for Speech Language Pathology and Audiology

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RULE NO. & TITLE: 870-X-2-.05 Clinical Fellowship Year Registration or Fourth-Year Internship and Requirements
870-X-2-.06 Assistant Registration

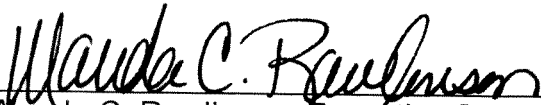
INTENDED ACTION: To amend

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: To amend the rule to change CFY terminology and increase the Assistant renewal fee.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: All interested parties may present their views in writing to Wanda Rawlinson, Executive Secretary or via email at abespa@mindspring.com at any time during the thirty-five (35) day period following the publication of the notice or by appearing at the public hearing scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 19, 2013 at 400 South Union Street, 4th floor conference room.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: July 19, 2013

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:
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Wanda C. Rawlinson, Executive Secretary

submission of the academic transcript showing completion of the doctoral program is required to indicate completion of the 4th Year Internship.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-28A-1, et seq.

History: Filed August 21, 2000. Filed September 13, 2002. Filed July 20, 2006. Filed July 15, 2010.

870-X-2-.06 Assistant Registration. Any person not eligible for a license under the provisions of this act who assists in the practice of speech-language pathology and/or audiology under the supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist and/or audiologist, **must** have a bachelor's degree or equivalent, as stated in the *Code of Alabama* 1975, §34-28A-1, in communication disorders or related field in speech-language pathology and register with the Board. Before granting such registration, the Board will consider the academic training and clinical experience of the applicant, the specific duties and responsibilities that will be assigned to the applicant and the amount and nature of the supervision that will be given to the applicant. Registration to assist licensed speech-language pathologist and/or audiologist will be granted under the following conditions:

(a) Qualifications. Under the supervision of a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist or Audiologists, Assistants may assist in providing services commensurate with their training and experience.

(b) Duties: Under supervision of a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist or Audiologist, Assistants may:

- conduct speech-language-hearing screenings
- implement documented treatment plans or protocols as prescribed by the supervising clinician
- document as prescribed by the supervision clinician patient/client progress
- assist during assessment
- assist with informal documentation, prepare charts, record graphs, or otherwise display data
- perform checks and maintenance of equipment
- participate in research projects, in-service training, and public relations programs

(c) Prohibited Duties: Assistants will not:

- evaluate speech, language, or hearing
- interpret measurements of speech, language, or hearing

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- make recommendations regarding treatment or management of clients counsel
- sign test reports and other documents regarding the practice of speech-language pathology and/or audiology

(d) Assistant Titles. The applicant, if registered to assist the licensed speech-language pathologist and/or audiologist, may use only the titles, "speech pathology assistant", "audiology assistant", or "speech-language pathology and audiology assistant", depending upon the area(s) in which the assistant is registered to assist with the Board.

(e) Assistant Supervision. The applicant, if registered, must assist the licensed speech-language pathologist or audiologist. A licensee who supervises a speech-language pathology assistant or an audiology assistant shall be responsible for the direction of all clinical services provided by said assistant and shall be responsible to the client for the performance of these services. The assistant must be under the direct supervision of a licensee. Supervision requires the physical presence of the licensee in the same facility at all times when the assistant is carrying out assigned clinical responsibilities. The licensed supervisor must document direct observation of at least ten percent (10%) of all clinical services provided by the assistant. The licensee shall be responsible for the legal, ethical, and moral professional behavior relating to the approved work each assistant is conducting under the licensee's supervision.

(f) Advertising. Registered assistants are not allowed to represent themselves or to be represented as practitioners of speech-language pathology or audiology. Preparation or distribution of announcements of practice, independent telephone listings, or other such notices shall be in violation of the registration to assist, and will lead to automatic revocation of such registration.

(g) Application for Registration. Application for registration of an assistant must be made to the Board. The application will be completed by the supervisor, signed by the proposed assistant and supervisor, and must be notarized. It will contain the plan (described below) for the assistant and a statement that the proposed supervisor accepts the complete and legal responsibility for the speech-language pathology and/or audiology services of the proposed assistant. An official copy of the proposed assistant's transcript must be sent to the Board by the school registrar. A statement indicating the number and types of practicum hours obtained must be provided by the director of the training program.

(h) The Plan for an Assistant. Registration for a speech-language pathology assistant or an audiology assistant will be considered after a specific work plan has been reviewed and approved by the Board to include:

1. The place(s) in which the assistant will work,
2. A description of the activities to be performed by the assistant,

3. A description of the amount and circumstances of supervision to be given to the assistant, and

4. A description of the training the assistant is to receive in preparation for the performance of the planned activities.

(i) Length of Registration. Registration for assisting a speech-language pathologist or audiologist shall expire December 31 of each year. This registration must be renewed each year effective January 1. Failure to apply for renewal of registration shall result in automatic revocation of registration to assist.

(j) Speech-Language Pathology Assistant and/or Audiology Assistant Fee. There will be a \$100.00 fee charged for assistant registration and ~~\$50.00~~ \$37.50 assistant registration renewal. This fee must be submitted with the application and is non-refundable.

(k) Renewal of Registration. All assistant registrations expire on December 31 following their issuance or renewal, and are invalid thereafter unless renewed. Renewals of registration must be accompanied by:

1. Written request for registration renewal from the supervisor.

2. Statement of any proposed modifications of the original plan. (see section (f) above).

3. Evidence of a minimum of ten (10) continuing education hours completed in the twelve-month period beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of that year. Academic course work approved by the Board may be used to meet this requirement completed in the twelve-month period beginning January 1 of each year and ending December 31. These continuing education hours must be related to the activities registered to be performed by the assistant as outlined in the application for the assistant (see Section (f) above).

4. A ~~\$37.50~~ \$50.00 annual renewal fee.

(l) Changes in Plan. If changes are desired in the approved supervisory plan, a new application must be filed. An additional registration fee is not required to make changes in the Plan.

(m) Licensed Supervisor. Each speech-language pathologist and/or audiologist supervising assistants will accept no more than the equivalent of two full-time assistants concurrently.

(n) Board Member Restriction. A Board member shall abstain from evaluating and voting on registration of assistants (aides) if there is any question of conflict of interest.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-28A-1, et seq.

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870-X-2-.07 Reciprocity. The Board, subject to the provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations of the Board promulgated there under prescribing the qualifications of a speech-language pathologist and/or audiologist, may permit, at its discretion any person who has successfully complied with the requirements of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) or an equivalent accrediting Association or Academy, and is a holder of a Certificate of Clinical Competence in speech-language pathology or audiology or its equivalent, or who holds a current license in another state in speech-language pathology or audiology may be granted a license according to the following conditions:

(a) That the other state maintains a system and standard of qualifications and examinations for speech-language pathologists or audiologists which meet or exceed the current requirements for licensure in the state of Alabama.

(b) Payment of the current fee established by the Board for other licensees.

(c) Submission of evidence satisfactory to the Board, i.e., proof of current out-of-state license.

Authors: H. Gregory Adams, Kay Wilson, Ken Earley and Robert L. Rane

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-28A-1, et seq.

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