

335-095-0050

Requirements for Supervising Licensed Speech-Language Pathology Assistants

- (1) The amount and type of supervision required will be based on the skills and experience of the speech-language pathology assistant.
 - (a) For the first 90 days of licensed employment, a minimum of 30% of all the time an assistant is on the job must be supervised. A minimum of 20% of hours spent in clinical interaction must be directly supervised.
 - (b) Subsequent to the first 90 days of licensed employment, a minimum of 20% of all the time an assistant is on the job must be supervised. A minimum of 10% of hours spent in clinical interaction must be directly supervised.
 - (c) The supervising speech-language pathologist must be able to be reached throughout the work day. A temporary supervisor may be designated as necessary.
 - (d) If the supervising SLP is on extended leave, an interim supervising SLP who meets the requirements stated in 335-095-0040 must be assigned.
 - (e) The caseload of the supervising clinician must allow for administration, including assistant supervision, evaluation of students and meeting times. (All students assigned to an assistant are considered part of the caseload of the supervising clinician.)
- (2) The supervising speech-language pathologist may not supervise more than the equivalent of two full-time speech-language pathology assistants.
- (3) The supervising SLP must co-initial each clinical entry and co-sign each page of records.
- (4) Supervision of speech-language pathology assistants must be documented.
 - (a) Documentation must include the following elements: date, activity, time spent, and direct or indirect supervision level and must be retained by the SLPA for four (4) years.
 - (c) Documentation must be available for audit requests from the Board.

(5) In remote geographic areas of the state or in other situations with severe shortages of licensed personnel, where Direct Supervision requirements cannot be met by an on-site Speech-Language Pathologist, educational facilities may apply for a one year exemption from certain requirements for supervision of certified Speech-Language Pathology Assistants.

(a) This exemption allows educational facilities to use the review and evaluation of audio- or video-taped records or live audio- or video-conferencing of clinical interactions, or a combination thereof, to provide a portion of the required Direct Supervision hours, up to a maximum of 75% of the required Direct Supervision hours.

(b) During the exemption period, a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist may supervise up to four full-time equivalent certified Speech-Language Pathology Assistants.

(c) This exemption will expire on July 31st of the year in which it is granted. An exemption shall only be granted for a maximum of two years out of each consecutive five year period.