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POSITION STATEMENT REGARDING THE NEED FOR AN AMPLIFICATION DEVICE CANDIDACY DETERMINATION AUDIOLOGICAL EVALUATION

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the "candidacy determination" audiological evaluation is to assess the functional status of the auditory system and to ensure that a hearing instrument(s) and/or other amplification device(s) are an appropriate treatment strategy.

REFERENCES:

The Act: Texas Occupations Code (TOC), Chapter 401

Board Rules: 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 741

The Board recommends that, before fitting and dispensing a hearing instrument(s) or other amplification device(s), an audiologist shall first conduct a comprehensive audiological evaluation for the purpose of determining candidacy. The audiological evaluation must include any and all procedures necessary for the determination of:

- (a) a thorough history of hearing loss;
- (b) auditory sensitivity (audiometric thresholds);
- (c) speech recognition capabilities;
- (d) the type, degree, and configuration of hearing loss;
- (e) the need for referral to a physician;
- (f) the need for referral to other professionals and agencies; and
- (g) candidacy for hearing instrument(s) and other amplification devices.