

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and
5 Audiology Practice Act is amended by changing Section 3 as
6 follows:

7 (225 ILCS 110/3) (from Ch. 111, par. 7903)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2018)

9 Sec. 3. Definitions. The following words and phrases shall
10 have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 (a) "Department" means the Department of Financial and
13 Professional Regulation.

14 (b) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and
15 Professional Regulation.

16 (c) "Board" means the Board of Speech-Language Pathology
17 and Audiology established under Section 5 of this Act.

18 (d) "Speech-Language Pathologist" means a person who has
19 received a license pursuant to this Act and who engages in the
20 practice of speech-language pathology.

21 (e) "Audiologist" means a person who has received a license
22 pursuant to this Act and who engages in the practice of
23 audiology.

1 (f) "Public member" means a person who is not a health
2 professional. For purposes of board membership, any person with
3 a significant financial interest in a health service or
4 profession is not a public member.

5 (g) "The practice of audiology" is the application of
6 nonmedical methods and procedures for the identification,
7 measurement, testing, appraisal, prediction, habilitation,
8 rehabilitation, or instruction related to hearing and
9 disorders of hearing. These procedures are for the purpose of
10 counseling, consulting and rendering or offering to render
11 services or for participating in the planning, directing or
12 conducting of programs that are designed to modify
13 communicative disorders involving speech, language or auditory
14 function related to hearing loss. The practice of audiology may
15 include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

16 (1) any task, procedure, act, or practice that is
17 necessary for the evaluation of hearing or vestibular
18 function;

19 (2) training in the use of amplification devices;

20 (3) the fitting, dispensing, or servicing of hearing
21 instruments; and

22 (4) performing basic speech and language screening
23 tests and procedures consistent with audiology training.

24 (h) "The practice of speech-language pathology" is the
25 application of nonmedical methods and procedures for the
26 identification, measurement, testing, appraisal, prediction,

1 habilitation, rehabilitation, and modification related to
2 communication development, and disorders or disabilities of
3 speech, language, voice, swallowing, and other speech,
4 language and voice related disorders. These procedures are for
5 the purpose of counseling, consulting and rendering or offering
6 to render services, or for participating in the planning,
7 directing or conducting of programs that are designed to modify
8 communicative disorders and conditions in individuals or
9 groups of individuals involving speech, language, voice and
10 swallowing function.

11 "The practice of speech-language pathology" shall include,
12 but shall not be limited to, the following:

13 (1) hearing screening tests and aural rehabilitation
14 procedures consistent with speech-language pathology
15 training;

16 (2) tasks, procedures, acts or practices that are
17 necessary for the evaluation of, and training in the use
18 of, augmentative communication systems, communication
19 variation, cognitive rehabilitation, non-spoken language
20 production and comprehension; ~~and-~~

21 (3) the use of instrumental procedures, including the
22 use of rigid and flexible endoscopes to observe the
23 pharyngeal and laryngeal areas of the throat to:

24 (A) collect data and measure the parameters of
25 communication and swallowing; and

26 (B) guide communication and swallowing assessment

1 and therapy.

2 However, instrumental procedures may not be used by a
3 speech-language pathologist as a diagnostic procedure
4 without authorization from a physician licensed to
5 practice medicine in all of its branches.

6 (i) "Speech-language pathology assistant" means a person
7 who has received a license pursuant to this Act to assist a
8 speech-language pathologist in the manner provided in this Act.
9 (Source: P.A. 94-528, eff. 8-10-05; 95-465, eff. 8-27-07.)