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POLICY STATEMENT

**GUIDANCE ON CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT
FOR THE 2013-2014 LICENSURE PERIOD**

This policy statement is issued to provide guidance on compliance with the continuing education requirement for the renewal of audiology and/or speech-language pathology licenses during the 2013-2014 licensure period.

The District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR) for Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology were recently amended to include continuing education requirements for the renewal of a license. On July 20, 2012, sections 7808 (Continuing Education Requirements), 7809 (Continuing Education Programs and Activities), and 7810 (Continuing Education Credits) were added to Chapter 78 of Title 17 of the DCMR. Section 7808.3 states, "An applicant for renewal of a license shall submit proof of having completed twenty (20) hours of approved continuing education hours during the two (2) year period preceding the date the license expires, including one (1) hour in ethics. The hours must be related to audiology."

On October 18, 2013, Chapter 79 of Title 17 of the DCMR was amended to include sections 7906 (Continuing Education Requirements), 7907 (Continuing Education Programs and Activities), and 7808 (Continuing Education Credits). Section 7906.3 states, "An applicant for renewal of a license, . . . shall submit proof of having completed twenty (20) hours of approved continuing education hours during the two (2) year period preceding the date the license expires, including one (1) hour of ethics. The hours must be related to speech-language pathology."

To ensure sufficient notice of the new legal requirements and adequate opportunity for compliance, the Board of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology (Board) has determined that, only for the 2013-2014 licensure period, all audiologists and speech-language pathologists subject to 17 DCMR §§ 7808.3, 7808.9, 7906.3 and 7906.4 shall be deemed to have met the requirements by attending and completing 50% of the continuing education hours required in these sections.