



Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists

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**HOUSE BILL 326 SIGNED BY
 GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY ON MAY 7, 2007**



The Maryland Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists (the Board) is committed to protecting and promoting the health of the citizens in the State of Maryland. The passage of **House Bill 326** is a milestone for the professions of Audiology, Hearing Aid Dispensing and Speech-Language Pathology. The Board collaborated with MSHA, ASHA, MAA, Hearing Society of Maryland, Washington, D.C. and Delaware and other interested parties.

HB 326 includes changes in definitions, board membership, board quorum, licensure for Speech-Language Pathologist practicing in the public school system, Audiologist qualifications, Hearing Aid Dispenser qualifications and Speech-Language Pathologist Assistant qualifications. The revisions pertaining to licensure are highlighted. Effective **October 1, 2007** any newly hired personnel who provide speech-language pathology services in the public schools must be licensed as a speech-language pathologist or speech-language pathologist- assistant. The law does not apply to individuals hired prior to October 1, 2007. Students enrolled in graduate programs in SLP are exempted from the license requirement if they are obtaining clinical hours. (§-301.(a)(2))

Effective **September 30, 2007** an applicant for a full license as an audiologist will be required to have a doctoral degree. An audiologist who received a license based on a master's degree prior to September 30, 2007, will qualify for a license to practice in Maryland (§2-302.(c)(1)(i). Effective **January 1, 2008**, an applicant to become a hearing aid dispenser will be required to have a two year degree from an accredited college or university. Hearing Aid Dispensers will also be required to complete the comprehensive coursework on hearing aid dispensing sponsored by the International Hearing Aid Society prior to sitting for the licensing examination (§2-302.1(a). You may contact the Board office on 410-764-4725 if you need additional information.

Go to <http://mlis.state.md.us/> Click Bill Information and Status- Submit Query for HB 326. Click HB 326 at the top of the page to read the Bill.

SENATE BILL 600 (2006 Legislative Session)- Effective July 1, 2006 each audiologist and speech-language pathologist who provides service on a third party billing basis in schools and are licensed by the Maryland Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists shall receive reimbursement from the county board for the initial licensing fee or renewal fee charged by the Board. If you are eligible, contact the County Board of Education for details.



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2007 Board Meetings

June 21, 2007

July 19, 2007

September 20, 2007

October 18, 2007

November 15, 2007

All meetings are held at 4201 Patterson Avenue and start at 4:00 p.m. The General Session is open to the public and the Executive Session is closed to the public.

New Guidelines for Newborn Hearing Testing

The State of Maryland has had Universal Newborn Hearing Screening since 2000. The program requires hospitals and birthing centers to provide hearing screening prior to discharge. However, the program does not stop at that point. For infants who do not pass the screening, a re-screening is necessary within 30 days. If the infant still does not pass the re-screening, an audiologic evaluation is to be completed prior to 3 months of age. The original legislation did not outline protocols for these various tests. At the request of the Governor's Commission for Newborn Hearing Screening, an "Audiology Working Group" was organized and was charged with developing recommended protocols/guidelines for Level 1 (In-patient Hearing Screening), Level 2 (Outpatient Hearing Re-screen) and Level 3 (Diagnostic Audiologist Evaluation). After reviewing all the available information from other states professional organizations and research, the Working Group published Recommended Guidelines for Newborn Hearing Testing and a Tracking Form for audiologists (see insert). Any audiologist who is performing any of these tests or charged with the supervision of programs should become familiar with the new guidelines. For additional information or questions contact Stephen Seipp at sseipp@hearingassessment.com.

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STATE OF MARYLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING AID DISPENSERS AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS 2006-2007

The Board of AUD/HAD/SLP consists of thirteen members.

3 Audiologists

3 Speech-Language Pathologists

3 Hearing Aid Dispensers

2 Otolaryngologists

2 Consumer Members

Board Officers 2006-2007:

Richard Robinson ,Chair

Michael Canary, Co-Chair

Sharon Sorensen, Co-chair

Paul Siegmund, Treasurer

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Audiologists

Caroline Aland– term expires 6/2007

Sharon Sorensen– term expires 6/2008

Jay Lucker– term expires 6/2009

Speech-Language Pathologists

Richard Robinson– term expires 6/2008

Kim Webster– term expires 6/2007

M. Cara Erskine–term expires 6/2010

Otolaryngologists

Milton Yoder—term expires 6/2010

David Eisenman–term expires 6/2010

Hearing Aid Dispensers

Michael Canary, Jr.– term expires 6/2008

Paul Siegmund– term expires 6/2010

Robert Perkins– term expires 6/2008

Consumer

Jennifer L. Winslow– term expires 6/2007

WHO CAN SERVE ON THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR AUD/HAD/SLP?

To serve on the Board the audiologist, hearing aid dispenser and speech-language pathologist shall be licensed in the State of Maryland and have at least 5 years paid work experience. The Board has 2 consumer members, 1 of whom is a consumer of services provided by an individual licensed by the Board .

The Governor shall appoint the speech-language pathologists, audiologists and hearing aid dispensers from a list submitted by the Maryland Speech-Language and Hearing Association, the Maryland Academy of Audiology and the Hearing Aid Society of Maryland, District of Columbia and Delaware. The Governor appoints the consumer members with the advice of the Secretary and the advice and consent of the Senate.

Each member shall be a resident of Maryland . The term of office is 4 years. *To read all the statutory requirements refer to §2-202.Membership.*

If you have any questions, e-mail Gwen Wheatley at wheatleg@dnhm.state.md.us.

ADVERTISING GUIDELINES

The Board has the authority to take action on advertisements that would cause a normally prudent person to misunderstand or to be deceived. The is providing the following guidelines to clarify some of the issues concerning certain advertising practices. A licensee who is the owner of a practice assumes full and final responsibility for all advertising. If titles or credentials are included in the advertisement, the licensee must be able to verify that he or she holds a current credential. A product should no longer be called “new” and/or “improved” after 12 months from its introduction. Reference to “lifetime” offer must identify the applicable “lifetime”. “Special” offers that are repeated in an on-going manner are no longer special and become regular and routine. A licensee cannot advertise that he or she provides “all major brands” if all major brands are not available.

Two issues that often come to the Board’s attention concern Bait Advertising and Deceptive Price Advertising. These issues are addressed extensively in the **Code of Federal Regulations** . Title 16-Commercial Practices-Chapter II– Federal Trade Commission Part 233– Guides Against Deceptive Pricing.

The Board expects all licensees to adhere to the Code of Ethics in **COMAR 10.41.02.03 Advertising**. To obtain more information go to the Board’s website at www.mdboardaudhadslp.org Choose Link for Regulations and/or Link for Professionals, **News From the Board** to read the Advertising Guidelines.



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SLPs

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AUDs

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HADs

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Cultural Competency in Health

Cultural competency in health applies to all health care providers in every aspect of their work. It simply means that health care providers possess a set of behaviors, attitudes and policies that are tailored to address the linguistic and cultural needs of their patients. Understanding and respect of the cultural, religious and lived experiences of others is key in every aspect of existence, but it is especially important in the health care arena. There is indisputable data that illustrates that increasing cultural competency of health care providers is associated with increased trust in the medical system, enhanced patient satisfaction, and greater adherence to treatment regimen.

In order to increase the cultural competency of health care providers, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health (OMH) developed and tested a curriculum on cultural competency training for health providers entitled "A Family Physician's Practical Guide to Cultural Competent Care." The teaching module which leads to 9 free CME credits (physician), 9 CNE credits (Nurses) or 3 contact hours (0.3 CEUs) (Pharmacists) is interactive, free and is based on the latest research in the area of cultural competence. It incorporates the CLAS (Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services) standards and can be accessed on the following site: <http://thinkculturalhealth.org/cccm/>.

It is important to note that OMH training is accredited by the American Medical Association (AMA), Association of Family Physicians and the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Prepared by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, that is charged with promoting programs to eliminate health disparities in racial and ethnic minority groups in the state of Maryland.



The Board voted on January 18, 2007 to accept 5 hours of cultural competency training as satisfying the Board continuing education requirement.

On January 1, 2007, ASHA implemented the new Standards for the CCC in Audiology. Information on the 2007 Standards for the CCC in Audiology can be found on the ASHA Web site www.asha.org.

HEARING AID DISPENSER'S LICENSE IS REVOKED

On November 30, 2006, the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists permanently revoked the license of John M. Kochan.

Web Site Check out **NEWS FROM THE BOARD**
Go to www.mdboardaudhadslp.org.
Quick Link Professionals

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

How does the Board determine the number of continuing education units (CEUs)? The Board gives one CEU for each hour of attendance (1 CEU= 1 hour). The Board counts the number of hours for the program after deleting time for breaks and lunch, unless there is a speaker during lunch.

When do I need to start obtaining CEUs and can CEUs be carried over from one renewal cycle to the next? 20 CEUs must be obtained between

June 1, 2006 and May 31, 2008 for SLPs and AUDs and February 1, 2007

through January 31, 2009 for HADs.

No. CEUs cannot be carried over from one renewal cycle to another.

What happens if I am audited for my continuing education hours by the Board? You will receive a letter stating that you are being audited and need to submit documentation from each program verifying your attendance. This information is returned with the renewal application and fee.

How long do I have to maintain the

continuing education records in my file? All licenses, even those licensees that are not audited are required to keep their continuing education records for 4 years.

What should I do if I am not sure whether a course or program is approved by the Board? Go to the Board web site,, click professional- forms- continuing education form # 4. Submit the form **before** you attend the class or complete the course. All the continuing education forms can be downloaded.

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It is the responsibility of the licensee to report any change of name or address to the Board within 30 days after the change.

I _____ submit that my official mailing address is changed to:		
_____	_____	_____
Street	City/State	Zip
The address change was /is effective on : _____		
_____	_____	_____
Signature	AUD/HAD/SLP license #	Date
E-mail address _____	Phone _____	

To change your name you must mail a copy of the official document with your correspondence. If you request a new license there is a \$5.00 fee. Mail all changes to Board AUD/HAD/SLP, 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215-2299. Fax to 410-358-0273
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