

**Title 20—DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE AND INSURANCE
Division 2150—State Board of
Registration for the Healing Arts
Chapter 4—Licensing of Speech-Language
Pathologists and Audiologists**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

20 CSR 2150-4.201 Supervision Requirements. The board is deleting sections (4) and (5), renumbering as necessary, and amending section (1) and new section (4)

PURPOSE: This amendment updates supervision requirements for speech-language pathology assistants.

(1) All applications for registration to practice as a speech-language pathology assistant must include a statement from a speech-language pathologist holding current, unrestricted licensure to practice in the state of Missouri pursuant to section 345.015(10), RSMo, acknowledging acceptance of the legal and ethical responsibilities for supervising the assistant. A speech-language pathologist practicing with a provisional license pursuant to section ~~[345.022]~~ **345.021**, RSMo, shall not be the supervisor for a speech-language pathology assistant.

[(4) The supervising speech-language pathologist shall provide the assistant with information in writing specifying the assistant's role and function as well as specifying the role and function of the supervising speech-language pathologist. Such information shall be maintained by the supervisor and assistant for a period of eight (8) years.]

[(5) The supervising speech-language pathologist shall provide written direction for continuing education activities to ensure that the speech-language pathology assistant's practices are current and skills are maintained. Such information shall be maintained by the supervisor and assistant for a period of eight (8) years.]

*[(6)](4) The supervising speech-language pathologist shall ~~[directly supervise the assistant's initial contact with each patient/client/student. Thereafter,]~~ **have the first initial contact with all patients/clients/students on the assistant's caseload. Prior to the speech-language pathologist assistant initiating services or therapy, the supervising speech-language pathologist shall gather baseline data and establish an appropriate plan of care for the patient/client/student. The supervising speech-language pathologist shall provide on-going direct supervision [shall be provided for] to each assistant [supervised] a minimum of [one (1) hour per week or one (1) out of every three (3) sessions] once every sixty (60) days for each patient/client/student. Direct supervision is defined as real-time observing and viewing the assistant and patient/client/student when the treatment is being provided;***

direct supervision may be either in-person or through appropriate remote methods. If an alternative arrangement is necessary, the supervising speech-language pathologist must submit a proposed plan of supervision for the review of the advisory commission and board to determine if the supervision plan is acceptable. Supervision shall be distributed across the patient/client/student caseload as appropriate to ensure adequate oversight.

~~[(7)]~~**(5)** The supervising speech-language pathologist must be available for the purpose of providing guidance and support to the assistant at all times, which can include but is not limited to, telephone, facsimile, or other electronic communication; face-to-face communication; or other appropriate communication means. If the supervising speech-language pathologist is temporarily unavailable, a qualified speech-language pathologist alternate may be designated to meet this requirement. Written communication shall be provided by the supervising speech-language pathologist to the assistant that identifies the alternate and the period of temporary supervision.

~~[(8)]~~**(6)** The supervising speech-language pathologist shall review and sign all patient/client/student documented progress notes written by the speech-language pathology assistant.

~~[(9)]~~**(7)** The supervising speech-language pathologist shall assign and the assistant shall accept only those duties and responsibilities for which the assistant has been specifically trained and is qualified to perform, pursuant to the judgement of the supervising speech-language pathologist, and in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 345, RSMo.

~~[(10)]~~**(8)** The speech-language pathology assistant shall maintain supervisory logs and the speech-language pathologist shall sign verifying the hours of supervision per month, such logs shall be made available to the board within thirty (30) days upon receipt of a request for such logs from the board.

~~[(11)]~~**(9)** The maximum number of speech-language pathology assistants supervised by one (1) speech-language pathologist shall not exceed three (3) at one (1) time.

AUTHORITY: sections 345.015, [345.022,] and 345.021 [345.030,] RSMo Supp. [2011] 2024 and section 345.030 RSMo 2016. This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 150-4.201. Original rule filed July 31, 2000, effective Feb. 28, 2001. For intervening history, please consult the **Code of State Regulations**. Amended: Filed December 19, 2024.*

PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in

*opposition to this proposed rule with the Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts, PO Box 4, 3605 Missouri Boulevard, Jefferson City, MO 65102, by facsimile at (573) 751-3166, or via email at healingarts@pr.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this rule in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*