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**BOARD OF SPEECH, AUDIOLOGY AND HEARING**

2020-2021 Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **02-643**

AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, **Board of Speech, Audiology and Hearing**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA**: None.

**EXPECTED 2020-2021 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY**: The Board is currently in rulemaking to implement 2019 Public Law Chapter 503, which includes issuance of licenses to speech-language pathology assistants and changes to the licensure requirements for speech-language pathology assistants. Rules for this program were last adopted December 24, 2011 and included a complete rewrite and reorganization of the rules.

**CHAPTER 1:** Definitions

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 17203(2)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise this chapter, which defines terms used in the board’s rules.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 2:** Advisory Rulings

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 M.R.S. §§ 8051, 9001(4)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise this chapter, which provides for the discretionary issuance of advisory rulings by the board.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 3:** Pathways to Licensure as a Speech-Language Pathologist, Audiologist or Hearing Aid Dealer and Fitter

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 17203(2), 17301(1), (3) and (4), 17302(1)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the criteria for the initial licensure of speech-language pathologists, audiologists and hearing aid dealers and fitters.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 4:** Licensure of Temporary Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 17203(2), 17301(6)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the provisions for initial and renewal licensure of temporary speech-language pathologists and audiologists.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 5:** Permitting and Licensing of Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 17203(2), 17301(2), 17302(2)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the criteria for the permitting, renewal, examination and supervision requirements for trainee hearing aid dealers and fitters.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 6:** Application for Licensure

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 17203(2)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the application procedures for licenses, registrations and permits issued by the board.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 7:** License Renewal; Inactive Status

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 17203(2), 17310

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the procedures for: (a) license renewal by speech-language pathologists, audiologists and hearing aid dealers and fitters; (b) application for and renewal of inactive status licensure; and (c) reinstatement from inactive to active status licensure.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 8:** Continuing Professional Education

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 17203(2)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the continuing education requirements for licensees of the board.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 9:** Speech-Language Pathology Assistants

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 17203(2), 17301(5)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the qualifications, supervision requirements, and other responsibilities of speech-language pathologists for the assistants they supervise, and the scope of practice of speech-language pathology assistants.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 10:** Practice of Hearing Aid Dealing and Fitting

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 17203(2), 17305(5) and (6)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the practice requirements relating to the calibration of audiometers and minimum testing requirements for hearing and the model notice that the board is required to prepare pursuant to 32 MRSA §17305)(6) in the form of a Sample Hearing Aid Purchase Agreement.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 11:** Code of Ethics

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 17203(2)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise its code of ethics.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 12:** Professional Misconduct

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 17203(2), 17307(1)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise this chapter, which describes professional misconduct.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.