

Catalog of Changes for ASLP-IC

(red lines to be added/included)

Section 1: Purpose

FYI: Supporting spouses of active duty military personnel is already covered by occupational laws in most states so is redundant and unnecessary here or reference should be made to existing state laws.

The same is true of telehealth laws and regulations already set by boards in most states.

Section 2: Definitions

“Telehealth” means the application of telecommunication, **audio-visual or other technologies technology that meets the applicable standard of care to** deliver audiology or speech-language pathology services at a distance for assessment, intervention and/or consultation.

Section 3: State Participation

Upon the grant of the compact privilege, a license issued to an audiologist or speech-language pathologist by a home state to a resident in that state shall be recognized by each member state as authorizing an audiologist or speech-language pathologist to practice audiology or speech-language pathology, under a privilege to practice, in each **the member state where the licensee obtains such a privilege.**

Has completed a supervised clinical practicum experience from an accredited educational institution or its cooperating programs as required by the ~~board~~ **Commission;**

Section 4: Compact Privilege

Except as provided in Section 6, if an audiologist or speech-language pathologist changes primary state of residence by moving between two-member states, the audiologist or speech-language pathologist must apply for licensure in the new home state, **and the license issued by the prior home state shall be deactivated in accordance with applicable rules adopted by the Commission.**

If an audiologist or speech-language pathologist changes primary state of residence by moving from a member state to a non-member state, the license issued by the prior home state shall convert to a single-state license, valid only in the former home state **and the privilege to practice in any member state is deactivated in accordance with the rules promulgated by the Commission.**

Section 5: Privilege to Practice Telehealth

Many states already have telehealth standards in place for the protection of the patient. Existing state provisions should be recognized by adding this additional paragraph under the Privilege to Practice Telehealth section.

Add: **A licensee providing audiology or speech-language pathology services in a remote state under the compact privilege shall function within the laws and regulations of the state where the patient/client is located.**

Section 6: Active Duty Military Personnel or Their Spouses

As noted in Briefing Sheet, this section is unnecessary, should be deleted in favor of state's existing legislation.

Section 7: Adverse Actions

The administrator of the ~~coordinated licensure information~~ **data** system shall promptly notify the new home state of any adverse actions.

The home state may take adverse action based on the factual findings of the remote state, provided that the home state follows its own procedures for taking **such** the adverse action.

If a member state takes adverse action **against a licensee**, it shall promptly notify the administrator of the data system. The administrator of the data system shall promptly notify the home state **and any remote states in which the licensee has a privilege to practice**, of any adverse actions **by the home state or remote states**.

Section 8: Establishment of the Compact Commission

An additional five (5) delegates who are either a **physician**, public member or board administrator from a state licensing board shall be chosen by the Executive Committee from a pool of nominees provided by the Commission at Large.

(this is not a substantive change, just adds to the choices available as a possible delegate just like the public member).

Promulgate uniform rules to facilitate and coordinate implementation and administration of this Compact. The rules shall have the force and effect of law and shall be binding in all member states **to the extent and in the manner provided for in the Compact**.

Add: D. The Commission shall have no authority to change or modify the laws of the member states which define the practice of audiology and speech-language pathology in the respective states.

(this is extremely important to include).

The Executive Committee shall have the power to act on behalf of the Commission, **within the powers of the Commission**, according to the terms of this Compact:

Meetings of the Commission **or the Executive Committee** shall be open to the public...

The Commission shall keep minutes that fully and clearly describe all matters discussed in a meeting and shall provide a full and accurate summary of actions taken, and the reasons therefore, including a description of the views expressed. All documents considered in connection with an action shall be identified in minutes. **All minutes and documents of meetings other than closed meetings shall be made available to members of the public upon request.** All minutes and documents of a closed meeting

shall remain under seal, subject to release by a majority vote of the Commission or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

FYI-Unknown fees to be paid by the State: *“The Commission may levy on and **collect an annual assessment from each member state or impose fees** on other parties to cover the cost of the operations and activities of the Commission and its staff, which must be in a total amount sufficient to cover its annual budget as approved each year for which revenue is not provided by other sources. **The aggregate annual assessment amount shall be allocated based upon a formula to be determined by the Commission which shall promulgate a rule binding upon all member states.**”*

Section 9: Data System

Section 10: Rulemaking

All hearings shall be recorded. A copy of the recording shall be made available **to any person upon** request.

Section 11: ~~Oversight~~, Dispute Resolution and Enforcement

A is Dispute Resolution, B is Enforcement and there is **Nothing on Oversight!! Delete** this misleading word or add a paragraph on how oversight will be conducted.

Section 12: Implementation

FYI: *Any member state may withdraw from this Compact by enacting a statute repealing the same. However,*

1. A member state’s withdrawal shall not take effect until six (6) months after enactment of the repealing statute.

Section 13: Construction and Severability

Section 14: Binding Effect

FYI overriding state laws: **“All laws in a member state in conflict with the Compact are superseded to the extent of the conflict.”**