January 5, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

The New Mexico Speech Language Pathology, Audiology, and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Board is charged with, among other things, overseeing and regulating the professions of Speech Language Pathologist, Speech Language Pathology Clinical Fellows (Clinical Fellow Year), and Apprentices in Speech Language Pathology.

These are the only licenses pertaining to the Speech Language Pathology field that are currently issued in New Mexico. As such, any person wishing to work in the field of Speech Language Pathology is required to have one of the three licenses.

It has come to the attention of the New Mexico Speech Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Board that there are individuals and/or entities in the state being employed as a Speech Language Pathology Assistant or employing Speech Language Pathology Assistants. Please note that this is not allowed by the state statute 61-14B-3 and persons in these positions are not allowed to work in the state of New Mexico even if they hold a license as a Speech Language Pathology Assistant issued by another state. Additionally, any person who is currently supervising a Speech Language Pathology Assistant may be placing his/her own license at risk by being involved in supervising an unauthorized person in the provision of Speech Language Pathology services.

To reiterate, any person wishing to provide services in the field of Speech Language Pathology in the state must hold a license issued by the New Mexico Speech Language Pathology, Audiology, and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Board. Anyone may verify the credential of their employee and perform a search for a licensee by name on the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Board and Commissions website at http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Look_Up_A_License.aspx

Please address any questions regarding this matter to the New Mexico Speech Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Board at Toney Anaya Building, PO BOX 25101 Santa Fe, NM 87504.

Sincerely,

Dr. Richard Cram, Au.D
Board Chair for New Mexico Speech Language Pathology, Audiology, and Hearing Aid Practices Board

/s/ e-signed via-email authorization dated 1/5/2017