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Dear Licensee:

On behalf of the Board of SLP and Audiology, regulatory changes have been made related to 1) CEUs for ethics and 2) new regulations for telepractice. Both regulations were drafted, discussed and submitted for public comment before final board and legislative approval was taken.

201 KAR 17:090: Creating a requirement that some CE hours be in the area of ethics

New regulations have been promulgated that mandate that ALL licensees shall take two (2) hours in the area of ethics. The overall total of thirty (30) CEUs needed every two years remains the same, but two of these hours must be in ethics. The rationale for this change is that the Board is of the opinion that continuing education in ethics is an important topic for all licensees, not just those convicted in disciplinary proceedings. After extensive discussion and public comment from Kentucky stakeholders, the board is of the opinion that this is an important change that our professions should be willing to embrace.

Q: How does this affect me if I will renew my license in January 2014?

A: You will need to obtain a total of 30 hours of CEUs. Two (2) of these hours must be related to ethics, for your January 2014 renewal date and every renewal date thereafter.

Q: How does it affect me if I will renew my license in January 2015?

A: You will need to obtain a total of 30 hours of CEUs. Two (2) of these hours must be related to ethics, for your January 2015 renewal date and every renewal date thereafter.

Q: How can I get ethics training? What resources are available?

A: You may earn CEUs related to ethics from a variety of resources including but not limited to:

- 1) Kentucky Board of SLP & Audiology sponsorship of an ethics course at the KSHA Convention.
- 2) Kentucky Academy of Audiology, ASHA or AAA conventions
- 3) SpeechPathology.com online courses may be accessed through www.speechpathology.com
- 4) SpeechpathologyCEUs.net courses may be accessed through <http://speechpathologyceus.net/>
- 5) e-learning through the American Speech Language and Hearing Association(www.asha.org)
- 6) AudiologyOnline which may be accessed through (www.audiologyonline.com)
- 7) e-Audiology through the American Academy of Audiology (www.audiology.org)
- 8) Care2Learn also offers ethics coursework for both SLPs and audiologists (www.care2learn.com)
- 9) Linguisystems offers free CEUs about ethical decision making for the SLP (www.linguisystems.com/ceu)
- 10) Procourse CEUs offers online courses for self-study in ethics for SLPs (www.procourseceus.com)
- 11) Online Ceus.com has an online ethics course for SLPs, SLP assistants and audiologists (www.onlineceus.com)



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201 KAR 17:110: Definition of Telepractice

New regulations have been promulgated which relate to telepractice of speech language pathology and audiology. These regulations address client requirements, competence, and compliance with Federal, State and Local Law. The rationale for promulgating these regulations stems from the growing use telepractice for speech language pathology and audiology services being provided across the Commonwealth. In addition, statutory authority to develop such regulations was provided in July 2000. If you are using telepractice as a therapy delivery model we encourage you to review the newly approved regulations (<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/kar/TITLE201.HTM>). Once on the site, go to Chapter 17.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne D. Olson".

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