

REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

Regulation No. 201 KAR 17:090

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(1) Provide a brief summary of:

(a) What this administrative regulation does: This regulation establishes continuing education requirements for speech language pathologists, audiologists, and speech-language pathology assistants.

(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation: This regulation is necessary to implement the provisions of KRS 334A.170(4).

(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: This regulation is in conformity as the authorizing statute gives the board the ability to promulgate regulations generally.

(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This regulation will assist the board in administering this program by identifying continuing education requirements for speech-language pathologists, audiologist, and speech-language pathology assistants.

(2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:

(a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation: The amendment strikes the definitions which have been re-promulgated in a new administrative regulation on definitions and abbreviations; reorganizes the regulation to promote clarity; authorizes that CEUs may be earned during the grace period to eliminate the confusion relating to staggered deadlines for licensure renewal and clarifies that CEUs earned during the grace period can only be used once and may be subject to audit; adds form incorporated by reference; adds requirement that applicant for a board approved CEU program must submit a certificate of completion in the application material and that attendees shall be provided the certificate upon completion; and includes other housekeeping amendments.

(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation: The amendment is necessary to eliminate confusion on earning CEUs during the renewal grace period, to streamline and reorganize the regulation to make more sense, and to incorporate the CEU application form that was not previously incorporated by reference.

(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: The amendment to this administrative regulation is in conformity with the authorizing statute that gives the board the ability to promulgate regulations generally regarding licensure requirements.

(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: The amendment to this administrative regulation will assist the board in administering this program and the efficient collection of necessary information submitted by the applicant, eliminate

confusion regarding earning CEUs during the grace period and eliminate having two (2) different deadlines relating to renewal, and add material incorporated by reference that was not previously incorporated.

(3) Does this administrative regulation or amendment implement legislation from the previous five years? No.

(4) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation: This regulation will affect the 4179 active and 85 inactive licensees in some capacity.

(5) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (4) will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:

(a) List the actions that each of the regulated entities identified in question (4) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment: There are no changes to the number of CEUs a licensee must have for renewal, however, the licensee may not earn CEUs for renewal during the grace period, and an applicant for a board approved CEU program must use the form and include a copy of the certificate of completion, which they shall be required to provide to an applicant upon completion of the program.

(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (4): There is no cost for the application for CEU approval and the board is unaware of what costs third party CEU providers charge for a CEU program.

(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (4): The regulation has been streamlined and simplified, and the grace period will now coincide for renewal and CEUs, which will benefit licensees and promote more efficient administration.

(6) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation:

(a) Initially: No new costs are anticipated to implement this administrative regulation.

(b) On a continuing basis: No new costs are anticipated on a continuing basis.

(7) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation: The board's operations are funded by fees paid by credential holders and applicant.

(8) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an amendment: No increase in fees or funding will be required to implement this administrative regulation.

(9) State whether or not this administrative regulation establishes any fees or directly or indirectly increases any fees: This administrative regulation does not establish any fees directly or indirectly.

(10) TIERING: Is tiering applied? (Explain why or why not) Tiering is not applied to this regulation as it applies to all applicant license types.