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**Announcement Regarding Continuing Education Requirements
For Licensed Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists**

Effective immediately, **the Board will no longer require applicants for renewal to request and submit BESPAs Activity numbers** for the purpose of completing continuing education activities, as outlined in Chapter 3 Section 2 of the Board's rules.

The Office of Licensing and Registration has adopted a continuing education audit rule that requires applicants for license renewal to certify to the completion of continuing education requirements on the renewal form. No additional information is required at the time of renewal. However, as a licensee, you are responsible for maintaining and producing documentation of continuing education activities in the event your license is randomly selected for an audit. In the event of an audit, you will be required to submit materials provided by the course sponsor to substantiate relevancy and applicability to the practice of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

Please note that you are still required to complete continuing education activities on a biennial basis pursuant to Chapter 3, Sections 1 and 3 of the board's rules. Specifically, the rule requires that the activities must be clinically or professionally relevant with no more than 12 hours of professionally relevant activities, including up to 10 hours of ASHA-approved self study.

Suggested sources of continuing education activities are available at the following website locations:

Maine Speech Language Hearing Association:

www.mslha.org

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association:

www.asha.org

A full copy of OLR Chapter 13 rule "Uniform Rule for the Substantiation of Continuing Education Requirements" can be accessed at the following website (Ref: 02 041):

www.state.me.us/sos/cec/rcn/apa/02/chaps02.htm

For more information regarding this notification or questions regarding acceptable continuing education activities, please contact the Board at (207)624-8674.



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