

**HEALTH REGULATION AND LICENSING ADMINISTRATION  
&  
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BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND  
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY  
AUTHORITY FOR GUIDANCE

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POLICY NO.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

LICENSURE OF AUDIOLOGISTS AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS WHO  
ENGAGE IN TELEPRACTICE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**Policy:**

**The Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology will deem it a violation of its regulations if an audiologist or speech-language pathologist provides services in the District of Columbia without a District of Columbia license, regardless of whether the professional providing services is physically located in the District of Columbia or another jurisdiction.**

**Analysis:**

**District of Columbia law at Title 3, Chapter 12, section 1205.01, requires the licensure of providers of health care services in the District of Columbia. With regard to audiologists and speech-language pathologists, the law provides as follows:**

**License, registration, or certification required.** (a) A license issued pursuant to this chapter is required to practice...,audiology, speech-language pathology...in the District, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

**The Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology wanted to clarify that any person providing audiology or speech-language pathology services in the District of Columbia must be licensed, and the licensure requirement is applicable regardless of the physical location of the person(s) providing the services. The exemptions from licensure found at Title 3, Chapter 12, section 1205.2 are applicable to telepractice.**

**This policy statement does not address persons who are located in the District of Columbia but who are providing services outside of the District.**