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Advisory Statement:

Infection Prevention Control

Reusable and Single-Use Medical Devices

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Advisory Statement: *Addresses the legislated obligations that apply to speech-language pathologists and/or audiologists. Advisory Statements inform regulated members about legislation, provide suggestions for compliance, and direct members to relevant resources.*

The World Health Organization (WHO) defines Infection Prevention Control (IPC) as a scientific approach and practical solution designed to prevent harm caused by infection to patients and health workers. The Government of Alberta develops standards to reflect current best practices and updated technical content as set out by the Canadian Standards Association (CSA).

All regulated member of the Alberta College of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (ACSLPA) must comply with the ACSLPA Standards of Practice. Standard 4.1 Safety and Risk Management includes requirements for IPC.

To comply with the ACSLPA Standards of Practice, all regulated members should follow the [Alberta Health Reusable and Single-Use Medical Devices Standards](#).

For greater clarity, this advisory statement pertains to IPC standards on cleanliness of equipment and supplies as follows:

- (1) ACSLPA has adopted the Alberta Health Standards on [Reusable and Single-Use Medical Devices](#) (AB Standards) for ensuring the handling and cleanliness of any equipment and supplies.
- (2) Supplies including toys and materials used in assessment and treatment are subject to the [AB Standards](#).
- (3) ACSLPA Standard 4.1 and the [AB Standards](#) are considered interconnected.
- (4) All ACSLPA regulated members will adhere to the [AB Standards](#).
- (5) The [AB Standards](#) will apply to all practice setting where ACSLPA regulated members provide service to the public.
- (6) It is the responsibility of all regulated members to understand the [AB Standards](#) and apply them to their individual practice.
- (7) Practice advice is available to members through ACSLPA.