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Speech-Language Pathologists
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ACSLPA Restricted Activities: What Regulated Audiologists Need to Know

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Today's Learning Objectives



To familiarize regulated audiologists with ACSLPA's new *Standards of Practice* on Restricted Activities.

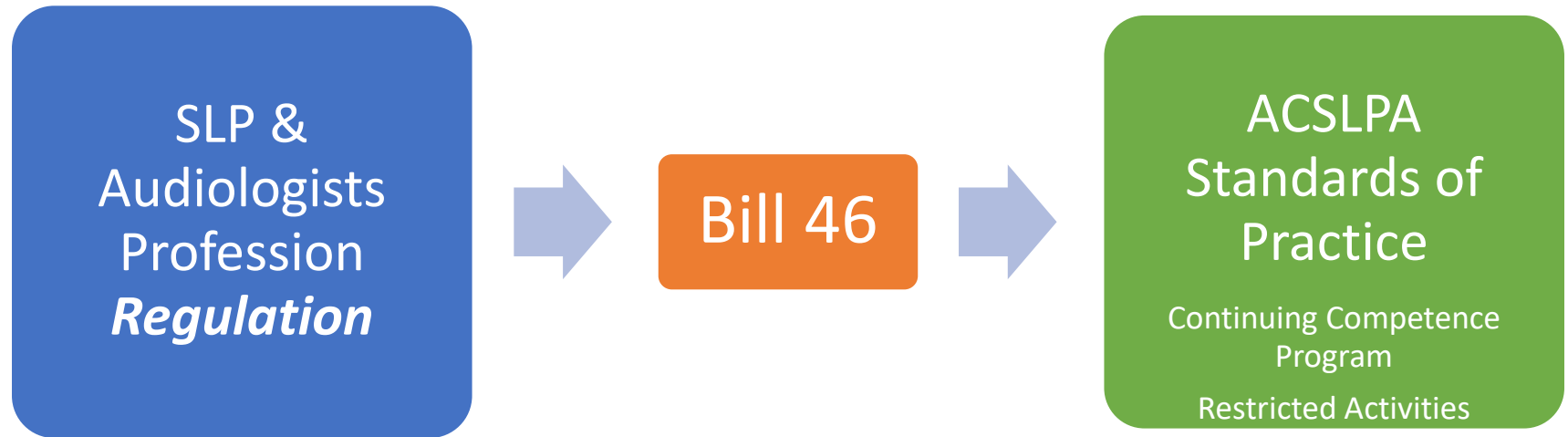


To highlight changes, including clinical implications related to supervision of other audiologists, students, support personnel, and HAPs.



To allow time for questions and discussion.

Why a New Standard of Practice?



Standard of Practice vs. Regulation

Standard of Practice

- Developed by ACSLPA, with input from staff and regulated members serving on an ad-hoc committee
- Regulated member and external stakeholder consultation
- Revisions incorporated by ACSLPA staff
- ACSLPA Council approval and adoption

Regulation

- Initiated by ACSLPA, with input from staff and regulated members serving on an ad-hoc committee
- Regulated member and external stakeholder consultation
- Revisions incorporated by ACSLPA staff
- Final regs drafted by legislative counsel
- ACSLPA Council approval
- Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGIC) approval required



In addition:

Restricted activities are moving from Schedule 7.1 of the *Government Organization Act* to the *HPA* as a new part 0.1

A new Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGIC) regulation will identify which restricted activities members of each Health College are authorized to perform (no changes here)



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Restricted Activities

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Procedures or services that pose a significant risk and require a significant level of professional competence to be performed safely



May only be performed by persons authorized by their regulatory college to do so

Note: RA's are not linked to any specific health profession -> a number of health professionals may perform a particular restricted activity within their scope of practice

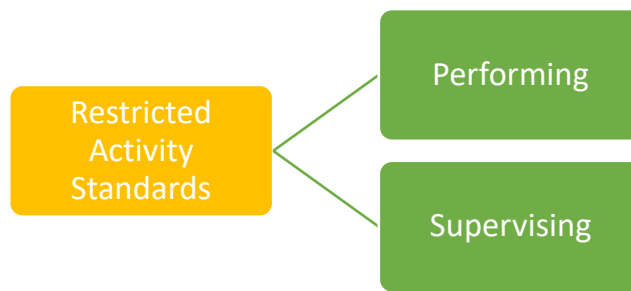
Audiology Restricted Activities



- 1) Insert or remove instruments or devices beyond the cartilaginous portion of the ear canal;
- 2) Insert into the ear canal: liquid, air or gas under pressure;
- 3) Insert into the ear canal: a substance that subsequently solidifies.

What are the SoP requirements?

- Standards of Practice on Restricted Activities must address:
 - Requirements of regulated members *performing* restricted activities
 - *Supervision* requirements with respect to performance of restricted activities:
 - Who can supervise?
 - Who should be supervised?
 - What are the requirements of supervisors?



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Standard 6.1 Restricted Activities Performed by Regulated Members

*A regulated member of ACSLPA performs only those RAs that they are **authorized** and **competent** to perform in compliance with legislation.*

To demonstrate this standard, the regulated member will:

- a) Familiarize themselves with the activities they perform that are RAs, including procedures or episodes of care that involve RAs, under the HPA.
- b) Limit themselves, when performing RAs to those activities that they are competent to perform and to those that are appropriate to their scope of practice and the procedure being performed.
- c) Assess the risks and benefits associated with the RA, and
 - i) communicate these to clients, and
 - ii) adjust their service plans accordingly to mitigate risks and enhance benefits
- d) Monitor their application of RAs and be accountable for their actions and decision-making.
- e) Ensure that appropriate strategies are in place to address any critical or unexpected occurrences associated with the application of RAs.

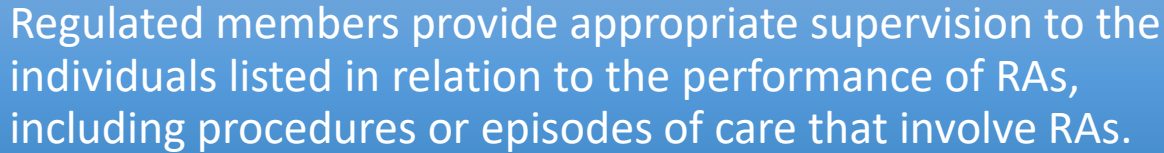
Standard 6.2 Supervision of Others by Regulated Members

A regulated member of ACSLPA takes *professional responsibility* for the work of those who perform RAs under their supervision, direction, or control, namely:

- speech-language pathology, audiology, and **hearing aid practitioner (HAP) students**
- SLPs and audiologists who require a period of supervised practice to meet a condition on their practice permit
- **Conditional practice permit holders registered by the College of Hearing Aid Practitioners of Alberta (CHAPA)**
- **Practice permit holders registered by CHAPA who are completing a training course involving RAs that is being led by a registered audiologist**
- Support personnel

Supervision of Others by Regulated Members

Regulated members provide appropriate supervision to the individuals listed in relation to the performance of RAs, including procedures or episodes of care that involve RAs.



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See *ACSLPA Restricted Activity Competency Profiles* for examples of procedures involving RAs:

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Supervision of Others by Regulated Members: Indicators

To demonstrate this standard, the regulated member will:



Meet the requirements of Standard 6.1, including the requirements outlined in the ACSLPA SoFP 4.4 Clinical Supervision



Have a minimum of one year of experience in performing the RA

A Word About Supervision of HAPs

HAPs are regulated professionals in their own right and are not considered support personnel, unless they have been specifically hired into a support person role.

Apart from the supervision requirements outlined in Standard 6.2, RHAPs do not require supervision by audiologists nor does their clinical work need to be supervised by an audiologist.

Take home points



- Only perform the restricted activities that you are competent to perform
- Minimum of one year experience needed before you can supervise others
- All other supervision standards in ACSLPA's standards of practice must be met when supervising restricted activities
- Refer to CHAPA requirements when supervising HAP students, conditional practice permit holders registered with CHAPA, and practice permit holders registered by CHAPA who are completing a training course involving RAs that is being led by a registered audiologist.

Questions?



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