Dear Speech Language Pathology Assistant,

This is a reminder notification that as of July 1, 2020, all Speech-Language Pathology Assistants are required to meet the licensing requirements of this chapter. You must have your official transcripts sent directly from the university and proof of completion of your clinical practicum to the Board office no later than June 1, 2020 to allow time for review prior to the July 1, 2020 deadline. If you have already completed the educational/clinical practicum requirements, please notify the Board office so we may update your status. This letter is being sent to all licensed SLPAs. If this does not apply to you, please disregard this letter.

36-37-19. Paraprofessionals holding speech-language pathologist certificate from Department of Education as of July 1, 2012. Any person who is employed as a paraprofessional providing speech-language pathology services under the direct supervision of a speech-language pathologist who holds a speech-language pathologist certificate from the South Dakota Department of Education as of July 1, 2012, and does not otherwise meet the qualifications set forth in this chapter may apply for and shall be granted a speech-language pathology assistant license and may continue to practice as a speech-language pathology assistant. This exception expires July 1, 2020, at which time all speech-language pathology assistants shall meet the requirements of this chapter.

36-37-18. Speech-language pathology assistant licenses. The board shall issue a speech-language pathology assistant license to an applicant who:

1. Submits an application, upon a form prescribed by the board;
2. Pays the application fee;
3. Holds an associate's degree in speech-language pathology assisting or a bachelor's degree with major emphasis in speech-language pathology or communication disorders from an accredited academic institution;
4. Submits an official transcript verifying necessary academic preparation and clinical experiences;
5. Completes a supervised clinical practicum of a minimum of one hundred clock hours as a speech-language pathology assistant while either on the job or during academic preparation; and
6. Has committed no act for which disciplinary action is justified.

If you have any questions, please contact the Board office at 605-642-1600.

Sincerely,

Carol Tellinghuisen
Executive Secretary