

DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES

Office of Speech-Language Pathology Certification

RULES REGULATING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST CERTIFICATION, PRACTICE, AND DISCIPLINE
RULES AND REGULATIONS

4 CCR 748-1

[Editor's Notes follow the text of the rules at the end of this CCR Document.]

1.20 Temporary Certification of Speech-Language Pathologists pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order D 2020 038

A. The basis for these rules is Executive Order D 2020-038 issued by Governor Jared Polis pursuant to the State of Emergency Declaration found in Executive Orders 2020 003, 2020 027 and 2020 032, Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, sections 24-33.5-701, et. seq., C.R.S., and sections 12-20-204 and 12-305-115, C.R.S.

B. These Emergency Rules are adopted by the Director of the Division of Professions and Occupations (Director) to effectuate Executive Order D 2020 038 directing the immediate expansion of the workforce of trained medical personnel available to provide healthcare services within inpatient facilities due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic in Colorado.

C. The Director may issue a temporary certificate to an applicant that is a new graduate of an approved speech language pathology program who meets all qualifications for certification with the exception of the required examination as set forth in section 12-305-107(1)(c), C.R.S.

1. Temporary certificates will be issued beginning May 1, 2020, and for 120 days thereafter.

2. The temporary certificate is effective from the date of issuance through December 31, 2020.

3. Speech-language pathology new graduates must submit an application for temporary certification.

4. Speech-language pathology applicants granted this temporary certification shall practice under the direct supervision of a Colorado certified speech-language pathologist in good standing during the entire term of the temporary licensure.

a. For the purpose of this emergency rule, "direct supervision" means the Colorado certified speech-language pathologist must be on the premises with the temporary speech-language pathologist certificate holders, and immediately available to respond to an emergency or provide assistance.

b. For the purpose of this emergency rule, "premises" means within the same building, office or facility and within the physical proximity to establish direct contact with the patient should the need arise.

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5. Once the temporary certificate holder successfully completes the statutorily required examination, the temporary certificate holder must immediately submit an application and the required fee for full licensure.
6. On January 1, 2021, if a full certificate to practice as a speech language pathologist in Colorado has not been issued, the temporary certification shall cease practice immediately and until such time as full licensure to practice as a speech-language pathologist in Colorado has been granted.
7. This temporary certificate is not renewable and does not create a property interest for the holder of the temporary certificate.
8. The temporary certification may be subject to discipline by the Director as defined in section 12-305-101, C.R.S., et seq. and shall be subject to professional liability requirements as set forth in section 12-305-107(2), C.R.S.

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D. TEMPORARY PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION

1. The Director may issue a temporary provisional certificate to an applicant that is a new graduate of an approved speech language pathology program who meets all qualifications for provisional certification with the exception of the required examination as set forth in section 12-305-108(1)(b), C.R.S.
2. Temporary provisional certificates will be issued beginning May 1, 2020, and for 120 days thereafter.
 - a. The temporary provisional certificate is effective from the date of issuance through December 31, 2020.
 - b. Speech-language pathology new graduates must submit an application for temporary provisional certification.
 - c. Speech-language pathology applicants granted this temporary provisional certification shall practice under the direct supervision of a Colorado certified speech-language pathologist in good standing during the entire term of the temporary licensure.
3. For the purpose of this emergency rule, "direct supervision" means the Colorado certified speech-language pathologist must be on the premises with the temporary speech-language pathologist provisional certification and immediately available to respond to an emergency or provide assistance.
4. For the purpose of this emergency rule, "premises" means within the same building, office or facility and within the physical proximity to establish direct contact with the patient should the need arise.
5. Once the temporary provisional certification successfully completes the statutorily required examination, the temporary provisional certification must immediately submit an application and the required fee for full licensure.
6. On January 1, 2021, if a full provisional certificate to practice as a speech language pathologist in Colorado has not been issued, the temporary provisional certification shall

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cease practice immediately and until such time as full licensure to practice as a provisional speech-language pathologist in Colorado has been granted.

7. This temporary provisional certificate is not renewable and does not create a property interest for the holder of the temporary provisional certificate.
8. The temporary provisional certification may be subject to discipline by the Director as defined in section 12-305-101, C.R.S., et seq., and shall be subject to professional liability requirements as set forth in section 12-305-107(2), C.R.S.

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