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Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology in Oregon Schools – School-Based Health Services

This resource provided by Oregon Department of Education and Oregon Health Authority in consultation with the State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and audiology. The intention of this resource is help school districts to provide health related services to children eligible for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), that align with board licensing rules and when applicable allow for Medicaid reimbursement; also, see [Medicaid in Education](#).

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AUTHORITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapter 681 • Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 335 • State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology 			
MEDICALLY-QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS	Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP)	Speech-Language Pathologist Assistant (SLPA) OAR Chapter 335, Division 95	Conditional Licensees (CL) OAR Chapter 335, Division 80	Licensed Audiologist (LA)
SUPERVISION	<p>A licensed SLP with two years’ professional speech-language pathology work experience may supervise up to the equivalent of two full-time SLPAs (exception: OAR 335-095-0050(5)). There is no limitation on the number of CLs a licensed SLP may supervise.</p>			
SERVICES	<p>May provide services within the scope of practice for a student eligible for special education, as defined by federal and state law, pursuant to the student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP).</p>			

<p><u>Supervising SLP:</u></p> <p>Must make all diagnostic and treatment-related decisions.</p> <p>SLP must provide treatment every 60 days if also using SLPA</p> <p>Must be able to be reached throughout the workday.</p> <p>Caseload must allow for administration, including SLPA supervision, client evaluation, and meeting times.</p>	<p><u>Supervised by a SLP</u></p> <p>Licensed SLP must make all treatment-related decisions and supervise at least 60 minutes per month as outlined in rules.</p> <p>Both SLP and SLPA must retain supervision documentation for four years.</p>	<p><u>Supervised by a SLP.</u></p> <p>Supervisor manages and directs the duties and functions and oversees the work of the CL.</p> <p>Changes in supervision must be reported to the board within 30 days of the change.</p>	
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	SLPAs and CLs use protocols specified by the supervising licensed individual.		
RECORD-KEEPING (DOCUMENTATION)		See OAR 335-095-0060 for services that may and may not be provided.	May provide all SLP services under direct supervision of a licensed SLP.
	<p>OAR 335-010-0070 General Requirements for Record Keeping and Documentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLP and audiology professionals in all positions and settings are responsible for maintaining ongoing and complete documentation of the clinical services they provide. • Records must record history taken, procedures performed, tests administered, results obtained, and conclusions and recommendations made. • Documentation must be: accurate, complete, and legible; printed, typed, or written in ink; and include the documenter's name and professional titles (See OAR 335-005-0015 and 335-010-0050 through 0070). • Corrections to entries have specific standards (OAR 335-010-0070(4)). <p>Also, see OAR 410-133-0320 Documentation and Record Keeping Requirements.</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cosigns each page of records. • Documents SLPA and CL supervision. • Signs each clinical entry with their name and professional title. 	Document care or treatment rendered. Supervisor must cosign each page of records and SLPA treatment notes, and must sign each clinical entry.	Cosigns each page of records and signs each clinical entry with their name and professional title.

*CLs may be in the process of completing their clinical fellowship year. CLs may not operate as licensed SLPs.