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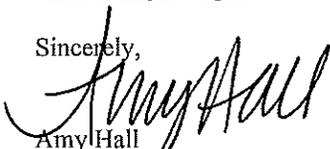
*****IMPORTANT NOTICE OF RULE CHANGES*****

On June 8, 2015, the following OBESPA rules changes were approved and finally adopted by Governor Mary Fallin by Declaration in accordance with 75 O.S. § 308.3. The rules were published in the August 17, 2015 issue of the Oklahoma Register. The Oklahoma Register is available online at <https://www.sos.ok.gov/oar/> and at many public libraries. Below you will see a brief description of each rule that was changed. Unofficial copies of the new rules are available on the main page of the Board's website at <http://www.ok.gov/obespa>. Unless otherwise indicated within the rule itself, the new rules are effective August 27, 2015.

- OAC 690:10-3-7. LICENSURE EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT
 - The amendments to Subchapter 3 correct outdated language describing the approved exam name and add new language about licensure by reciprocity.
- OAC 690:10-3-8. NEW CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT
 - The 20 hours of continuing education required for license renewal must include at least three clock hours of professional ethics, except when, during the first year of licensure, the required hours of continuing education are less than five clock hours. This requirement must be fulfilled by the next CE reporting period (2015-2016) which ends in December 2016.
- OAC 690:10-5-3. CLINICAL EXPERIENCE INTERNS
 - A clinical experience intern may not state, imply or otherwise represent through any type of advertisement or other notice that he or she is authorized to practice independently without the supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist.
 - The penalty of automatic revocation of the intern license for violation of the rule was removed.
- OAC 690:10-5-6. SUPERVISION OF CLINICAL EXPERIENCE INTERNS
 - The intern's supervisor must have been licensed for at least two years. Licensure as a clinical experience intern does not count towards that requirement.
 - **Effective January 1, 2017**, the supervisor must have successfully completed at least six hours of Board approved training in clinical supervision. At least three of the six hours must include knowledge and skills areas necessary for supervisors of clinical experience interns as identified by ASHA or other entities acceptable to the Board.
- OAC 690:10-7-3. SUPERVISION OF SLP ASSISTANTS.
 - The intern's supervisor of the SLPA must have been licensed for at least two years. Licensure as a clinical experience intern does not count towards that requirement.
 - **Effective January 1, 2017**, the supervisor must have successfully completed at least six hours of Board approved training in clinical supervision. At least three of the six hours must include knowledge and skills areas necessary for supervisors of SLP assistants as identified by ASHA or other entities acceptable to the Board.
 - The term "indirect supervision" is amended to mean that the supervising SLP is "engaged in supervisory activities other than direct supervision, observation and guidance of the assistant while the assistant is providing an assigned clinical service to a patient."
- OAC 690:10-7-9. CLINICAL EXPERIENCE FOR SLPA STUDENTS
 - The requirement that the student be supervised at least 50% of the time when engaged in patient/client contact was removed.
 - The requirement that the supervising speech-language pathologist is limited to no more than two students at any one time was removed.

If you have any questions or I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call the office at 405-524-4955 or go to our website www.obespa.ok.gov

Sincerely,



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