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The purpose of this bulletin is to inform providers of policy updates to comply with a change in the Michigan Public Health Code, which requires Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs) to be licensed by the State of Michigan.

### Licensure Requirements for Speech-Language Pathologists

Public Act 524 of 2008, effective January 13, 2009, required SLPs to be licensed by the State of Michigan. This Public Act amended part 176 of the Public Health Code (Speech-Language Pathology) to provide for the licensure rather than the previously required certification of SLPs. The Administrative Rules for SLPs were effective December 7, 2011. The State will require SLPs to obtain licensure no later than December 7, 2013.

This Act defines a Speech-Language Pathologist as "an individual engaged in the practice of Speech-Language Pathology." SLPs must be licensed by the date established by the State in order to provide services to Medicaid beneficiaries.

Further information regarding licensure, including the Administrative Rules, can be found on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs website at [www.michigan.gov/lara](http://www.michigan.gov/lara) >> Licensing & Regulation >> Health Care Services >> Health Professions.

### Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information has been incorporated into the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual.

### Questions

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