

This quarterly report provides a brief overview of current state legislation and regulatory actions in four key areas relevant to the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology. The states that have enacted legislation or regulations in specific subject areas are followed by “(enacted)” or “(adopted)”; any other legislation or regulations are pending. An asterisk (*) indicates regulatory action.

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QUARTERLY REPORT (April - June 2011)

STATE LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY TRENDS

LICENSURE & SCOPE OF PRACTICE	<p>Licensure revisions –CA (*), CO* (adopted), DE(*), DC* (adopted), FL, IL, IN (enacted), IA (* adopted), KS* (adopted), LA (enacted), ME, MD* (adopted), MA, MI*, MT (enacted), NH*,NY, NC (enacted) (*), OH, OK* (adopted), OR (enacted), TN (enacted) (* adopted), TX, VA*, WY*</p> <p>Applied Behavior Analysts – CT (enacted), MA, MO* (adopted), NV (enacted), ND (enacted), OK*</p> <p>Scope of Practice – CT (enacted)</p>
HEALTH CARE & INSURANCE	<p>Insurance coverage for autism –AK, CA, IL, IA* (adopted), MD, MA* (adopted), MI, MO, NY, NC, OR, RI (enacted), TX, VA (enacted), WA, WV (enacted)</p> <p>Cochlear Implant coverage/tax credit – MA</p> <p>Hearing aid coverage/tax credit – GA (enacted), IL, ME, MD, MA, MO, NC (enacted), TN (enacted, VT (enacted)</p> <p>Universal health care coverage – CA, OH, OR (enacted), VT (enacted)</p> <p>Telemedicine – CA, FL, IA, TX</p> <p>Early Intervention/EHDI – CT, NV, NJ, NM, NY (*), TX(*)</p> <p>Medicaid – AL, AR*,CO, FL(*), ID (enacted)(*adopted), ME (enacted), MD*(adopted), MA, MD* (adopted), MS* (adopted), MO*, MT*, NE* (adopted), NH* (adopted), NJ*, NY(*), OH, OK*, OR* (adopted), PA* (adopted), SC*, TX* (adopted), UT* (adopted), WA* (adopted), WV* (adopted)</p> <p>Habilitative services coverage – MA</p> <p>Insurance coverage for audiology screening/speech-language therapy – ME (enacted), MN</p> <p>Hearing Screening – AR*, IN*, LA (enacted), NJ*, RI, TX (enacted)</p>
EDUCATION	<p>Teacher certification – CA*, ME (enacted)(* adopted), NV*, WA</p> <p>Special Education/IDEA – CO (enacted), CT (enacted), DC*, FL, ID* (adopted), IL, ME (* adopted), MA* (adopted), MS*, NV (enacted), NH*, PA, SC*, WA</p> <p>Salary Supplement – AR (enacted)(*), LA</p>
OTHER	<p>Assistive Technology –OR (enacted)</p> <p>Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing Bill of Rights – IA, NC</p>