

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.

For further information, please contact a member of the State Advocacy Team.

QUARTERLY REPORT (July - September 2011)

STATE LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY TRENDS

LICENSURE & SCOPE OF PRACTICE	<p>Licensure revisions – CA (enacted), CA*, CT (enacted), CO (adopted), DE (enacted), DE* (adopted), DC*, FL*, ID*, KS* (adopted), LA* (adopted), ME*, MD* (adopted), MN (enacted), MT*, NH (* also), NC*, OH*, OK* (adopted), OR (enacted), OR*, TN* (adopted), VA*, WA*, WI* (adopted)</p> <p>Scope of Practice – CA</p>
HEALTH CARE & INSURANCE	<p>Insurance coverage for autism – CO*, IL (enacted), NJ</p> <p>Hearing aid coverage/tax credit – CT* (adopted), IL (enacted), MA</p> <p>Universal health care coverage – MA, NC (enacted), OR (enacted)</p> <p>Telemedicine – CA, MA</p> <p>Early Intervention/EHDI – NY (enacted)</p> <p>Medicaid – CO*, ID* (adopted), IN* (adopted), IA* (adopted), LA*, ME* (adopted), MD*, MA*, MN*, MT* (adopted), NE* (adopted), NH*, OK*, OR*, PA* (adopted), SC* (adopted), TX* (adopted), UT* (adopted), VA*, WA* (adopted)</p> <p>Insurance coverage for audiology screening/speech-language therapy – NH, NY (enacted), TX (enacted)</p> <p>Hearing Screening – IN*, NJ* (adopted), RI (enacted)</p>
EDUCATION	<p>Teacher certification – CA* (adopted), IL (enacted), NV*, RI*, WA*</p> <p>Special Education/IDEA – CT, DC* (adopted), IL (enacted), IL*, ME* (adopted), MN*, MT*, SC* (adopted)</p> <p>Value Assessment – MN (enacted)</p>
OTHER	<p>Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing Bill of Rights – MA</p>