

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 (October - December 2011)

STATE LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY TRENDS

LICENSURE & SCOPE OF PRACTICE	<p>Licensure revisions – CA*, CA(enacted), CO* (adopted), DC*, FL*, IA* (adopted), IL (enacted), LA*, ME* (adopted), MI* (adopted), MT* (adopted), NH, NH* (adopted), NJ, PA, OH* (adopted), OR* (adopted), SC*, TN*, TX*, WY* (adopted)</p> <p>ABA – WA</p>
HEALTH CARE & INSURANCE	<p>Insurance coverage for autism – NE, NY (enacted), OH, WA</p> <p>Hearing aid coverage/tax credit – CA*, KY*, NH</p> <p>Universal health care coverage – PA</p> <p>Telemedicine – MT, NJ, PA</p> <p>Early Intervention/EHDI – IL*, MA*, MT* (adopted), OH, TX* (adopted)</p> <p>Medicaid – CA (enacted), CO* (adopted), FL*, GA*, LA*, ME*, MA, NH* (adopted), OH*, OK*, TX* (adopted), UT* (adopted), VT* (adopted), WA* (adopted)</p> <p>Insurance coverage for audiology screening/speech-language therapy – CO* (adopted), FL*, PA, WA</p>
EDUCATION	<p>Teacher certification – ME* (adopted), WA, WA*</p> <p>Special Education/IDEA – FL*, MA, MI* (adopted), MA, MT* (adopted), NV* (adopted), NJ, WI (enacted)</p> <p>Salary Supplement – AR*, WA</p>
OTHER	<p>Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing Bill of Rights – MA</p>