

**SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY
AND HEARING AID DISPENSERS BOARD**

BOARD LOCATION

**Title 16, California Code of Regulations,
Sections 1399.101, 1399.150.1, and 1399.160.6**

SECTION 100 EXPLANATION OF CHANGE WITHOUT REGULATORY EFFECT

Pursuant to Title 1, Division 1, Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 100(a), of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board (Board) submits this written statement explaining why the proposed amendments to Title 16, CCR sections 1399.101, 1399.150.1, and 1399.160.6 do not materially alter any requirement, right, responsibility, condition, prescription, or other regulatory element of any CCR provision.

Subject to the approval of the Office of Administrative Law, the Board would amend section 1399.101, as follows:

Section 1399.101. Location of Offices.

The principal office of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board of the Department of Consumer Affairs is located at ~~2005 Evergreen Street Suite 2100,~~1601 Response Road, Suite 260, Sacramento, California 95815.

Under Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 2531.06, the Board has possession and control of all property of the former Hearing Aid Dispensers Bureau. The Board moved to its current address on April 26, 2021. The Board proposes to amend this regulation to delete its former address and add its current address. Additionally, since the Board only maintains one office location, the Board proposes to amend the title of section 1399.101 to reflect a single location. This proposed amendment does not materially alter any requirement, right, responsibility, condition, prescription, or other regulatory element of section 1399.101. Thus, the Board's proposed amendment may be considered a change without regulatory effect.

Subject to the approval of the Office of Administrative Law, the Board would amend section 1399.150.1, as follows:

Section 1399.150.1. Location of Office.

The principal office of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board of the Department of Consumer Affairs is located at ~~2005 Evergreen Street Suite 2100,~~1601 Response Road, Suite 260, Sacramento, California 95815.

Under BPC section 2531.95, the Board is authorized to adopt regulations necessary to implement the Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists and Hearing Aid Dispensers Licensure Act and the Board previously adopted section 1399.150.1 to establish a physical office location. The Board moved to its current address on April 26, 2021. The Board proposes to amend this regulation to delete its former address and add its current address. This proposed amendment does not materially alter any requirement, right, responsibility, condition, prescription, or other regulatory element of section 1399.150.1. Thus, the Board’s proposed amendment may be considered a change without regulatory effect.

Subject to the approval of the Office of Administrative Law, the Board would amend section 1399.160.6, as follows:

Section 1399.160.6. Continuing Professional Development Course Approval.

(a) A licensee shall only be credited with continuing professional development hours if ~~he or she~~ the licensee takes a course from a board-approved provider with a valid, current approval as a provider or from an entity listed in Section 2532.6(e)(1) of the Code.

(b) Courses related to the dispensing of hearing aids as offered by hearing aid manufacturers or companies for the purposes of continuing professional development shall be reviewed by the Board prior to the offering of the course. The continuing professional development provider must submit such request for course approval to the Board according to the timeline in Section 1399.151.1(e). Such request shall include:

(1) The nature of the sponsoring institution, the Board issued professional development provider number (with the exception of those entities listed in Section 2532.6(e)(1)), the address, telephone number, and contact person.

(2) Course title, date(s), location(s), and number of continuing professional development hours offered.

(3) Type and method of educational instruction and learner outcomes to be met.

(4) A course outline, course description, and instructor information and qualifications.

(5) If available, advertisements intended to be used by the provider to advertise the relevant course.

(c) A licensee or a continuing professional development provider may voluntarily petition Board consideration of any courses offered by an approved provider or an entity listed in Section 2532.6(e)(1) of the Code. The licensee or continuing professional development provider must submit such request for course approval to the Board according to the timeline in Section 1399.151.1(e). Such request shall include:

(1) The name of the sponsoring institution, the Board issued professional development provider number (with the exception of those entities listed in Section 2532.6(e)(1)), the address, telephone number, and contact person.

(2) Course title, date(s), location(s), and number of continuing professional development hours offered.

(3) Type and method of educational instruction and learner outcomes to be met.

(4) A course outline, course description, and instructor information and qualifications.

(5) If available, advertisements intended to be used by the provider to advertise the relevant course.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution 260 (2018) encourages state agencies to use gender-neutral pronouns and avoid the use of gendered pronouns when drafting policies, regulations, and other guidance. As such, the Board proposes to amend section 1399.160.6 to remove reference to gendered pronouns by changing “he or she” to “the licensee.” This is a change without regulatory effect because it revises structure, syntax, cross-reference, grammar, or punctuation. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 100, subd. (a)(4).)

The Board withdraws regulatory changes to Title 16 CCR sections 1399.113, 1399.151.1, and 1399.170.13. The Board also revised the regulatory text in Title 16 CCR section 1399.160.6.