

November 25, 2024

Subject: Letter of Support for New Mexico Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
Interstate Compact

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of the New Mexico Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Board to express our unanimous support for the New Mexico Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NMSHA) and Thank New Mexico's efforts to join with 34 states as a part of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC).

The New Mexico Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Board is committed to the highest standards of professional practice and ethical conduct of speech language pathologists, audiologists, and hearing aid dispensers, and is aware of a great need to improve accessibility of communication disorders healthcare throughout the Land of Enchantment. By becoming a participant in the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact, New Mexico will improve access to care by making licenses more easily accessible and attractive to providers who may come from out of state.

We believe that the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact will not only facilitate the mobility of professionals to deliver vital services to the diverse needs of New Mexicans but will also foster a stronger network of professionals nationwide dedicated to improving healthcare services. As a member of the compact, our state will contribute to the establishment of uniform standards and reciprocity, ensuring that professionals can seamlessly serve clients and patients in various states while upholding the integrity of the multiple professions licensed by our board.

The New Mexico Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Board recognizes the importance of collaboration in advancing communication disorder treatment, and we are confident that New Mexico's involvement in the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact will significantly contribute to the achievement of these shared goals.



Thank you for considering our letter of support. The New Mexico Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Board looks forward to witnessing the positive impact of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact in our state.

Sincerely,



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