

November 25, 2024

Subject: Letter of Advisement for Administration of Medication as part Endoscopic Evaluations

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 advise that, as part of an endoscopic evaluation of swallowing and voice/resonance, a speech-language pathologist may provide a topical anesthetic, if appropriate, based on guidelines from their medical facility of current employment.

Speech-language pathologists with appropriate training and competence in performing endoscopic evaluations are qualified to use this procedure under the current New Mexico scope of practice.

Sincerely,


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