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**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

Control 870 Department or Agency: Alabama Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology  
Rules No. 870-X-2-05  
Rule Title: Clinical Fellowship Registration or Fourth-Year Internship and Requirements  
New  X  Amend  Repeal  Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying Officer James Cuneo  
Date 7/14/17

Alabama Board of Examiners for Speech-Language  
Pathology and Audiology (ABESPA)

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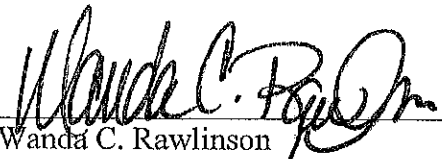
Intended Action: To Amend Rule

Substance of Amendment: ABESPA proposes to amend rule to update  
language in the rules.

Time, Place, Manner of Presenting Views: Interested person may present their views in writing to the Executive Secretary of the Board at a time during the 35 day period following the 31<sup>th</sup> day of July. Any person who wishes to present his or her views orally at the public hearing may notify the Board in writing, before September 8, 2016, to P.O. Box 304760, Montgomery, AL 36130-4760. The public hearing will be held on September 8, 2016 at 400 South Union Street, 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference room, Montgomery, Alabama at 12:00 p.m.

Final Date for Comment and Completion of Notice: September 8, 2016

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870-X-2-.05 Clinical Fellowship Registration or Fourth-Year Internship and Requirements.

(1) Persons fulfilling the clinical experience (Clinical Fellowship or Fourth-Year Internship) are required to apply for ~~registration~~ a provisional license with the Board within thirty (30) days of beginning employment or an internship. The application process must be completed within sixty (60) days of receipt of application. If requirements listed below are not met within sixty (60) days the applicant will lose the application fee and must reapply. A license will not be granted until the applicant has successfully ~~registered~~ applied with the Board and the supervised clinical experience is complete. The following apply to both ~~CF~~ Clinical Fellowship and Fourth-Year Internship:

- (a) ~~Registration~~ Provisional license application.
- (b) \$200 application fee.
- (c) A notarized statement from the applicant's ~~CF~~ Clinical Fellowship or Fourth-Year Internship supervisor which must include:
  - (i) Beginning date of ~~CF~~ Clinical Fellowship or Fourth-Year Internship.
  - (ii) Expected completion date
  - (iii) Number of hours to be worked each week.
  - (iv) Place of employment.
  - (v) Supervisor's name and Alabama license number.
- (d) ALL official undergraduate and graduate transcripts.

(2) The applicant must notify the Board within ten (10) days of any changes in employer or supervisor.

(3) Following approval of the ~~eClinical fFellowship~~ or Fourth-Year Internship ~~registration~~, the Board shall issue a ~~registration certificate~~ provisional license. This ~~certificate~~ provisional license shall reveal the full name of the ~~registrant~~ Clinical Fellowship/Fourth Year Internship, the beginning date of the clinical experience, the expected completion date, the number of hours worked per week, the number of weeks worked, supervisor's name, supervisor's license number (supervision to be provided in accordance with the accrediting Association or Academy guidelines), and shall bear a serial number. The ~~certificate~~ provisional license shall be signed by the chair of the Board or the executive secretary under the seal of the Board. The purpose of the ~~registration certificate~~ provisional license is to indicate to the general public legal compliance by the ~~registrant~~ Clinical Fellowship/Fourth Year Internship with the Board rules and regulations for the period of time indicated on the ~~certificate~~ provisional license. The ~~certificate~~ provisional license shall contain the following statement: "This is to certify that (~~registrant's~~ Clinical Fellowship/Fourth Year Internship's name) is engaged in the completion of his/her clinical experience and to further certify that (~~registrant's~~ Clinical Fellowship/Fourth Year Internship's name) is under the supervision of (supervisor's name) a licensed (speech-language pathologist or audiologist) (license number)".

(4) Applicant has thirty (30) days to complete the process to obtain a license in Speech-Language Pathology and/or Audiology following the supervised clinical experience.

(5) The eClinical fFellowship must be completed within a maximum of 36 months. The following is a suggested work schedule that may be used to meet eClinical fFellowship requirements:

- (a) Full-time Clinical Fellowship:  
30 hours or more per week for 9 months
- (b) Part-time Clinical Fellowship:  
25-29 hours per week for 12 months  
20-24 hours per week for 15 months  
15-19 hours per week for 18 months

Professional employment of any less than 15 hours per week will not fulfill any part of this requirement.

(6) For the Fourth-Year Internship, the acquisition of a total 1,820 hours (that include hours obtained prior to the commencement of the Fourth-Year Internship). Total number of clinical practicum hours may vary based on current academic requirements.

(7) Roles and Responsibilities of the Clinical Fellowship/4<sup>th</sup> Fourth Year Internship Supervisor.

(a) Provide meaningful mentoring and feedback to the Clinical Fellow/Fourth Year Internship to assist the Clinical Fellowship/4<sup>th</sup> Fourth Year Intern in developing independent clinical skills.

(b) Conduct the required minimum supervisory obligations. Supervisory obligations are specified for each segment of the Clinical Fellowship (CF) or 4<sup>th</sup>Fourth Year Internship period. Each segment is one-third the length of the Clinical Fellowship/4<sup>th</sup> Fourth Year Internship; for the CF Clinical Fellowship, a nine month fellowship would be broken into three segments, each three months in duration, a thirty-six month CF Clinical Fellowship would be broken into three segment of twelve months each. For the 4<sup>th</sup>-Fourth Year Internship, the length of the internship period and the consequent length of each one-third interval is determined by the academic institution under whose authority the intern is completing the internship.

(c) Supervisory obligations include 6 hours of direct supervision per segment and 6 indirect monitoring activities per segment. Indirect monitoring might include reviewing diagnostic report/treatment records/plans of treatment, monitoring the Clinical Fellowship/4<sup>th</sup> Fourth Year Intern's work by consulting with colleagues or clients and their families. These requirements are not intended to supplant or supersede supervisory requirements of appropriate accrediting or certifying entities or academic programs.

(d) The main purpose of the Clinical Fellowship/Fourth Year Internship is to improve the clinical effectiveness of the Clinical Fellowship/Fourth Year Intern. The mentoring SLP or Audiologist must provide performance feedback to the Clinical Fellowship/Fourth Year Intern throughout the CF Clinical Fellowship/Fourth Year Internship. Feedback and goal-setting

require two-way communication whereby both the CF Clinical Fellowship/Fourth Year Intern mentoring SLP or Audiologist and the Clinical Fellowship/Fourth Year Intern share important information about the Clinical Fellowship's/Fourth Year Internship's performance of clinical activities. A specific time should be set aside for each performance feedback session at the end of each of the three segments of the Clinical Fellowship/Fourth Year Internship. This session should be used to identify performance strengths and weaknesses and through discussion and goal-setting, to assist the Clinical Fellow/Fourth Year Intern in developing necessary clinical skills for appropriate and effective clinical practice.

(e) If the CF Clinical Fellowship/Fourth Year Internship supervisor anticipates at any time during the CF Clinical Fellowship/Fourth Year Internship that the Clinical Fellow under supervision will fail to satisfactorily complete the CF Clinical Fellowship/Fourth Year Internship, the supervising SLP or Audiologist must counsel the Clinical Fellowship/Fourth Year Intern (both verbally and in writing) and maintain written records of all contact and conferences over the ensuing months.

(f) Submit a notarized statement indicating satisfactory completion of the CF Clinical Fellowship/Fourth Year Internship submission of the academic transcript showing completion of the doctoral program is required to indicate completion of the Fourth Year Internship.

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