



Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
Division of Professional Regulation

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VARIANCE

Pursuant to the authority granted to me in the provisions of 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1465.90, I hereby grant a Variance on behalf of students pursuing either a speech-language pathology license or audiology license to the provisions of 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1465.35(a), which states that the “supervision of students in speech-language pathology and audiology programs means that the supervisor is on-site (but not necessarily in the same room as the student) whenever the student is performing practices normally done by a licensed speech-language pathologist or audiologist.”

This Variance is granted based upon the particular facts surrounding the Illinois Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations issued on March 09, 2020, April 1, 2020, April 30, 2020, May 29, 2020, June 26, 2020 and again on July 24, 2020.

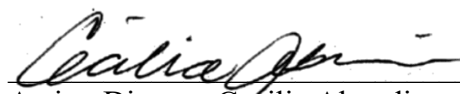
The purpose of this Variance is to allow licensed speech-language pathologists and audiologists to supervise their students remotely using video or audio technology, as appropriate, rather than on-site. Remote supervision may be performed telephonically or using video technology tools including, but not limited to, video conferencing, Skype, Zoom, and Google Hangout. When a student is providing services to a client, the supervisor should be available and prepared to offer assistance as needed. This Variance is hereby granted and expires December 31, 2020. This Variance is for supervision that occurs between the effective date and December 31, 2020.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned Rule, this Variance is in no way intended to waive or modify any statute, rule or regulation concerning the supervision of or practice of students pursuing either a speech-language pathology license or audiology license. Students shall be required to meet the remaining requirements for licensure contained in the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act and Administrative Rules before receiving a license.

I have determined that the provision from which this Variance is granted is not statutorily mandated; no party will be injured by the granting of this Variance; and the rules from which this Variance is granted would, in this particular case, be unreasonable.

This variance supersedes all prior variances.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL
REGULATION of the State of Illinois
Deborah Hagan, SECRETARY, by


Acting Director Cecilia Abundis
Division of Professional Regulation

July 30, 2020
Date