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Dear SLPA Stakeholder:

It is with great pleasure that I am able to inform you of two developments surrounding the licensing of Speech-Language Pathology Assistants (SLPA):

First, the Arizona Department of Health Services (Department), Division of Licensing Services/Office of Special Licensing has received approval from the Governor's Office to move ahead with the SLPA rulemaking. The process will proceed over the next 6 to 8 months until codified in the Arizona Administrative Code.

Secondly, in the mean time, the Department has made the determination to begin licensing SLPAs effective immediately as we move through the rulemaking process. Candidates who meet the following criteria are eligible to apply immediately without paying the licensing fee:

Completed a 60 semester credit hour program that includes a minimum of 20 semester credit hours of SLPA technical coursework;

Completed a minimum of 100 hours of clinical interaction;

Be of good moral character, and

Have not had a license revoked or suspended by a state within the past two years and is not presently ineligible for licensure in any state because of a prior revocation or suspension.

The SLPA licensing application can be downloaded from the ADHS/Office of Special Licensing website at: <http://www.azdhs.gov/als/hadisp/index.htm>

An application can also be mailed or faxed to you by calling the Office of Special Licensing at (602) 364-2079.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE APPLICANT:

The Arizona Department of Health Services has filed a notice of proposed rulemaking on July 28, 2009 for the SLPA rules.

Please be aware that your license is subject to all of the criteria in the Arizona

Administrative Code Title 9, Chapter 16, Article 5 (the rules). To see the draft version of these rules, please click [here](#).

Please be advised you will be subject to disciplinary actions pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute §36-1934 if you violate any of the provisions of this chapter.

Please contact the Office of Special Licensing at (602) 364-2079 if you have any questions regarding this notice.

Sincerely,

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