



NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
MS State Department of Health

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c/o Vickey Maddox
P.O. Box 1700
Jackson, MS 39215-1700

Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation
of Rule: §73-14-7(i)

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Telephone Number

Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by
the Proposed Rule: Regulations Governing Licensure of Hearing
Aid Specialists

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Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule:

The first amendment clarifies rule regarding non-renewal of a license because of the failure to acquire required continuing education. The second amendment adds a requirement of one (1) hour per year of continuing education related to ethical practices. The third amendment clarifies content of required continuing education and limits online or home study courses to no more than 50% of the total hours required. The fourth amendment is a name change for an organization that provides acceptable continuing education credit. The fifth amendment removes from the list of approving authorities for continuing education courses approved by another state's or the District of Columbia's licensing authority that may not be recognized by MSDH.

This rule is proposed as a [X] Final Rule, and/or a [ ] Temporary Rule (Check one or both boxers as applicable.)

Persons may present their views on the proposed rule by addressing written comments to the agency at the above address. Persons making comments should include their name and address, as well as other contact information, and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

Oral Proceeding (Check one box below):

[X] An oral proceeding is scheduled on this rule on Date: December 19, 2008 at Time: 2:00 p.m., MSDH Underwood Auditorium. Location: 570 East Woodrow Wilson, Jackson, MS.

If you wish to be heard and present evidence at the oral proceeding, you must make a written request to the agency at the above address at least five (5) days prior to the proceeding to be placed on the agenda. The request should include your name, address, telephone number as well as other contact information; and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

[ ] An oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule. Where an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding will be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

Economic Impact Statement (Check one box below):

[X] The agency has determined that an economic impact statement is not required for this rule, or
[ ] The concise summary of the economic impact statement required is attached.

The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

Date Rule Proposed: 25 November 2008

Proposed Effective Date of Rule: 13 February 2009

Vickey Maddox, Office Director
Printed Name/Title of Person Submitting Rule for Filing

Vickey J. Maddox
Signature

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS TO  
Regulations Governing Licensure of Hearing Aid Specialists**

LINES	EXPLANATION OF CHANGE
Pg. 10, Lines 387-395	<p>Amendment to <b><u>Title 15, Part III, Subpart 60, Chapter 06, Section 106 Continuing Education (CE), Subsection 106.02.3.</u></b></p> <p>The amendment clarifies the rule regarding non-renewal of a license because of the failure to acquire required continuing education.</p>
Pg. 11, Lines 499 -501	<p>Amendment to <b><u>Title 15, Part III, Subpart 60, Chapter 06, Section 106 Continuing Education (CE), Subsection 106.03.1.d.</u></b></p> <p>The amendment adds a requirement of one (1) hour per year of continuing education on the subject of Ethical Practices from the Mississippi Hearing Aid Association.</p>
Page 11, Lines 408-414	<p>Amendment to <b><u>Title 15, Part III, Subpart 60, Chapter 06, Section 106 Continuing Education (CE), Subsection 106.04.1.</u></b></p> <p>The amendment clarifies content of required continuing education and limits online or home study courses to no more than 50% of the total hours required.</p>
Page 11, Lines 425-426	<p>Amendment to <b><u>Title 15, Part III, Subpart 60, Chapter 06, Section 106 Continuing Education (CE), Subsection 106.04.1.d.</u></b></p> <p>The amendment is a name change/correction of a recognized provider of continuing education.</p>
Page 11, Lines 434-436	<p>Amendment to <b><u>Title 15, Part III, Subpart 60, Chapter 06, Section 106 Continuing Education (CE), Subsection 106.04.1.h.</u></b></p> <p>This amendment removes from the list of approving authorities for continuing education courses approved by another state or the District of Columbia licensing authority that may not be recognized by MSDH.</p>