NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION – FINAL RULE

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MS State Department of Health

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

Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Final Rule: ***Regulations Governing Licensure of Hearing Aid Specialists***

Date Rule Proposed: 25 November 2008
Date Rule Adopted: 14 January 2009

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 form 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.

The Agency Rule Making Record for this rule including any written comment(s) received during the comment period and the record of any oral proceeding is available for public inspection by contacting the Agency at the above address.

☒ An oral proceeding was held on this rule:
Date: 19 December 2008
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: MSDH Underwood Auditorium. Location: 570 East Woodrow Wilson, Jackson, MS.

☐ An oral proceeding was not held on this rule.

The Agency has considered the written comments and the presentations made in any oral proceedings, and:

☒ This rule as adopted is without variance from the proposed rule.

☐ This rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule as there are minor editorial changes which affect the form rather than the substance of the rule.

☐ This rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule and all of the following apply:
- The differences are within the scope of the matter in the notice of proposed rule adoption,
- The differences are a logical outgrowth of the contents of the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption and the comments submitted in response thereto, and
- The Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption provided fair warning that the outcome of the proposed rule adoption could be the rule in question.

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

Effective Date of Rule: ~~13~~ 14 February 2009

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

Vickey Maddox
Signature