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### **MEMORANDUM FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**TO:** All Licensees, Temporary Licensees, and Applicants  
**FROM:** Kentucky Board of Licensed Diabetes Educators  
**RE:** Executive Orders 2020-215, 2020-243, and 2020-257, and Senate Bill 150  
**DATE:** July 21, 2020

By Executive Order 2020-215 dated March 6, 2020, Governor Andy Beshear declared a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth of Kentucky due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). On March 18, 2020, Governor Beshear issued Executive Order 2020-243, “State of Emergency Relating to Social Distancing.” This Executive Order has direct implications on the operations, and statutes and regulations, under which the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (“Board”) is governed. Executive Order 2020-243 ordered all boards to take actions necessary to ensure appropriate social distancing and stated that any state statute or regulation that conflicts with the provisions of Executive Order 2020-243 was suspended.

On March 25, 2020, Governor Beshear issued Executive Order 2020-257, which required the closure of businesses that are not life sustaining, mandated the institution of social distancing and hygiene practices for businesses that remained open, and mandated teleworking for those business that can accommodate it. All of the Executive Orders,

including the Healthy at Work Executive Orders and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services Orders implementing the new requirements that are now in effect, are available at the Healthy at Work website – <https://healthyatwork.ky.gov>.

## **SB 150**

On March 26, 2020, the General Assembly enacted Senate Bill (SB) 150. SB 150 became effective on March 30, 2020, when it was signed by the Governor. A copy of the bill can be found at: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/recorddocuments/bill/20RS/sb150/bill.pdf>. SB 150 allows boards to waive or suspend the fees or administrative obligations required to engage in business regulated by the board during the State of Emergency. The law provides that all current licenses remain in effect during the State of Emergency and all administrative requirements to keep licenses active are stayed for **thirty (30) days** after the State of Emergency is lifted. This includes all fees, fines, renewal applications, and continuing education requirements. SB Bill 150 also allows boards to waive or suspend the fees or administrative obligations required to engage in business regulated by the board during the state of emergency.

The Board has determined that the following regulations are affected by Executive Orders 2020-215, 2020-243, and 2020-257, and Senate Bill 150 and issues the following guidance.

**201 KAR 45:110, Supervision and Work Experience, Section 1** requires that “[a]n apprentice diabetes educator shall accumulate at least 750 hours of supervised work experience within five (5) years from the date of application for licensure, of which 250 hours shall have been obtained within the last twelve (12) months preceding licensure application.” Because of the difficulty in completing the 250 hours within the last twelve (12) months during the state of emergency, the time period for completion will be extended until twelve (12) months after the state of

emergency is lifted.

**201 KAR 45:110, Supervision and Work Experience, Section 2(1)(c)(1)** provides that “[p]rior to the apprentice applying for licensure, the supervisor shall observe the apprentice providing diabetes education to a patient while the supervisor is physically present in the same room on at least two (2) separate occasions, for a combined total of at least four (4) hours, two (2) hours of which shall have occurred within the last twelve (12) months preceding licensure application.” Because of the difficulty in completing the in person observation during the state of emergency, the observation can be completed by any simultaneous electronic means. If simultaneous electronic means are not available, the final observation may be waived by the Kentucky Board of Licensed Diabetes Educators upon written recommendation of the supervisor if the apprentice has completed all of the other requirements.

Please note that these changes are only in place during the State of Emergency announced in Executive Order 2020-215 and will expire when the State of Emergency has ceased.

If you have any questions, please contact the Board Administrator at [ide@ky.gov](mailto:ide@ky.gov).

Sincerely,



Dr. Kristen Stakelin, Board Chair