Maryland
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DIRECTIVE AND ORDER REGARDING THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING AID DISPENSERS, AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

Pursuant to the Executive Order of March 16, 2020 Relating to Various Healthcare Matters

I, Robert R. Neall, Secretary of Health, for the prevention, control, and treatment of 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("SARS-CoV-2") and the disease that it causes, Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19"), and on consideration of the Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-language Pathologists' recommendation of May 6, 2020, do hereby direct and order the following:

I. During the state of emergency as declared by the Governor, a speech-language pathologist or audiologist with a current, unexpired license or certification to practice speech-language pathology or audiology in good standing in another state, territory, or jurisdiction may provide services consistent with that licensure using telehealth communication to a client located in Maryland only if:
   a. The out of state licensee has an established provider-client relationship with the client that was established before the state of emergency;
   b. The provider-client relationship was established while the client was physically located in the speech-language pathologist's state of licensure; and
   c. The provision of telehealth services is necessary for the continuity of care.

II. Any telehealth services provided to a client in the State of Maryland shall be provided in accordance with COMAR 10.41.06.

III. The foregoing authorization expires upon the later of:
   a. the lifting of the state of emergency in Maryland by the Governor; or
   b. if the client was receiving therapeutic services at a school or facility in the provider's state of licensure, the reopening of that school or facility.

IV. Any effect of MD Code Ann., Health Occupations Title § 2-301 *et. seq.*, and COMAR 10.41.06.05 inconsistent with the foregoing, is suspended for the duration of the state of emergency.

THIS DIRECTIVE AND ORDER IS ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 8th DAY OF MAY 2020 AND IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Robert R. Neall
Secretary