

January 7, 2025

Subject: Letter of Advisement for Administration of Medication as part Endoscopic Evaluations

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of the New Mexico Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Board to advise that, as part of an endoscopic evaluation of swallowing/voice/resonance/upper airway, a speech-language pathologist may provide a topical anesthetic and/or decongestant, if appropriate, based on guidelines from their medical facility of current employment.

Speech-language pathologists with appropriate training and competence in performing endoscopic procedures are qualified to use the above-mentioned medications under the current New Mexico Scope of Practice.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Professional Member

New Mexico Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Board

