



September 12, 2019

To: Speech Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Board

The Hearing Loss Association of America Albuquerque Chapter (HLAA ABQ) fully supported and actively promoted the passage of HB 48 during last year's legislative session in New Mexico. The objective of HB 48 was to modify the requirements under the code of ethics for the Hearing Aid Dispensers License.

It is now time to update the language in the current rules to include requirements for those who hold a Hearing Aid Dispensers License in New Mexico. The purpose is to ensure that consumers be informed about assistive listening technology and how their new hearing devices can allow consumers the ability to use assistive technology with their hearing aids.

The Committee for Communication Access (CCA) has submitted a proposal that not only meets these requirements but also ensures verification that the education has taken place by requiring that a statement in the contract be initialed by both the hearing healthcare provider and the consumer.

Anything short of acknowledgement by both parties does not allow for verification of conformance. This is considered best practice in writing guidelines, policies, and rules.

We the Board of Trustees of the HLAA Albuquerque Chapter are in agreement with the language proposed by CCA and encourage the Licensing Board to make sure that the scope and intent of HB 48 is fully implemented to protect us, as consumers.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mary Clark'. The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mary Clark President, for the HLAA ABQ Board of Trustees