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Date: October 12, 2009
To: Licensed Audiologists Dually Licensing as Hearing Aid Specialists
From: Randy Everitt, OHLA Director
Subject: Change in Hearing Aid Specialist Licensing Requirements for Audiologists

The Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA) and the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (BSPA) have been working collaboratively to accommodate audiologists who, as of January 1, 2010, will no longer be required to be licensed hearing aid specialists. This change in licensure requirements is due to the passage of House Bill 3232 in the 2009 Legislative Session. The new language is as follows:

HB 3232, Section 62a (ORS 694.025) states the following:

- (1) A person may not deal in hearing aids or display a sign or in any other way advertise or represent that the person deals in hearing aids unless the person holds a valid license issued by the Oregon Health Licensing Agency as provided in ORS 694.015 to 694.185.*
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, ORS 694.015 to 694.185 do not apply to:*
 - (a) An audiologist licensed under ORS chapter 681.*
 - (b) A physician licensed under ORS chapter 677.*

OHLA will be providing the following services to audiologists holding dual licensure:

Refunds: Fees received by OHLA for audiologists gaining initial licensure as a hearing aid specialist or renewing their current license between July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 will be issued a notice as of January 1, 2010, requesting they notify OHLA if they would like a partial refund of their license/renewal fee. In order to receive a refund, licensees will be required to submit their license and return a portion of the notice to the agency.

Renewal Notice: All renewal notices will clearly state that if you are a licensed audiologist the requirement for hearing aid specialist licensing will no longer be mandatory.

Regulation: OHLA and BSPA will work collaboratively on all complaints related to audiologists and hearing aid specialists when appropriate.

If you have questions, please contact the Oregon Health Licensing Agency, Licensing Division, at (503) 378-8667.



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Effective January 1, 2010, Oregon Licensed audiologists will no longer be required to be licensed as hearing aid specialists. This change in licensure requirements is due to the passage of House Bill 3232 in the 2009 Legislative Session.

Licensed audiologist who renewed their hearing aid specialist license between July 1 and December 31, 2009, and would like a partial refund of their license/renewal fee, need to complete the bottom portion of this form and return it with their hearing aid specialist license.

The agency will be refunding audiologists, who no longer wish to retain licensure as a hearing aid specialist, \$187.50 with the return of their hearing aid specialist license and the bottom portion of this form.

Enclosed is a return envelope for your convenience. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact me at (503) 373-1816.

Cerynthia Murphy,
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Advisory Council on Hearing Aids Refund Request Coupon

Please complete and return this form with your hearing aid specialist license

Name (Please Print):	Hearing Aid Specialist License Number:
Physical Address:	
Mailing Address:	
Daytime Phone:	

By signing this form, and with the return of my hearing aid specialist license, I am officially requesting the refund of my hearing aid specialist license/renewal fees, and understand that I will no longer hold a hearing aid specialist license governed under Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapter 694.

Signature:

Date: