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A Word from the Executive Officer

It is time for another "Quick Updates" e-mail from the Montana Department of Labor & Industry and the Board of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists. The 2019 legislative session is coming up fast. The Legislature is scheduled convene on 1/7/19. The board itself is not proposing any legislation for the 2019 Session. However, the Montana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSHA) will be proposing legislation which would create a license for aides/assistants under this board. MSHA is planning to bring the the draft of its proposed bill to the 10/17/18 board meeting so the board can consider whether it would like to request to take a position on the bill. Since the board falls under the Executive Branch the board would ultimately need to get approval from the Governor in order to take any sort of position on the bill.

Upcoming Dates of Interest and Deadlines

- **September 1 – annual aide/assistant registration period for speech-language pathology and audiology aides/assistants opens** – annual registration opened on 9/1/18 ends on 10/31/18. Licensed speech-language pathologists and audiologists who supervise aides/assistants must register aides by 10/31/18 (see [37-15-313, MCA](#)). You can [download the registration form here](#). It is also available on the board's homepage. There is no online registration or payment option so registration must be completed using the paper form and a check. If you have any questions on statute, rule, or general policy feel free to contact me directly at dlibsdspl@mt.gov or 406-841-2394. Contact UnitA@mt.gov if you have questions on the registration process itself.
- **October 17 - Upcoming Board Meeting** – a final meeting agenda will be posted to website approximately two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date. Recordings and agendas from past meetings can also be found by clicking on the "Board Information " tab and selecting "Board Events".
- **December 4 – annual license renewal opens for speech-language pathologists and audiologists** – renewal will end on 2/1/19. Continuing education requirements can be found at [ARM 24.222.2102](#).

Administrative Rule Update

The board is in the process of finalizing proposed changes to some of its rules. [MAR 24-222-28](#) largely pertains to aides/assistants and changes to the continuing education course approval. The public comment period for this proposal ended on 8/17/18. The board will discuss and respond to comments received by the 8/17/18 deadline at its 10/17/18 board meeting. The

final changes to the rules will likely take effect in November 2018.

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