

20:79:04:01. Responsibilities within the scope for speech-language pathology assistants. A speech-language pathology assistant may perform the following duties under direct supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist:

- (1) Administer speech, language, and hearing screenings without clinical interpretation;
- (2) Assist with informal documentation such as notes for supervising speech-language pathologist to use, prepare materials, and assist with other duties as directed by the supervising speech-language pathologist;
- (3) Follow documented treatment plans or protocols developed by the supervising speech-language pathologist;
- (4) Document client performance through tallying data for the SLP to use, preparing charts, records, and graphs and report this information to the supervising speech-language pathologist;
- (5) Perform simple checks and maintenance on equipment;
- (6) Assist the supervising speech-language pathologist during assessment of clients; excluding administration and interpretation;
- (7) Support the supervising speech-language pathologist in research projects, in-service training, and public relations programs;
- (8) Assist with scheduling, record keeping, and safety and maintenance of supplies and equipment;
- (9) Exhibit compliance with regulations, confidentiality policies, reimbursement requirements, and speech-language pathology assistant's job responsibilities as assigned by the supervising speech-language pathologist;
- (10) Program and provide instruction in the use of augmentative and alternative communication devices;
- (11) Demonstrate or share information with patient's families and staff regarding established feeding strategies, without bolus as developed and directed by the speech-language pathologist; and
- (12) Provide guidance and treatment via telepractice to students, patients, and clients who are selected by the supervising speech-language pathologist as appropriate for this service delivery model.

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