

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

TITLE 210. STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CHAPTER 20. STAFF SUBCHAPTER 9. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS: TEACHER EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION PART 17. FULL (SUBJECT MATTER) COMPETENCIES FOR LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

- a. **What is the purpose of the proposed rule change?**
The proposed amendment to the rule outlining subject matter competencies for certification by the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) adds a new subsection addressing competencies for Speech-Language Pathology Assistants. While the existing rule already includes competencies for Speech-Language Pathologists, Speech-Language Pathology Assistants have not previously been eligible for OSDE certification because Oklahoma has not offered a certification exam for school SLP Assistants. This addition to the subject matter competencies is appropriate because Speech-Language Pathology Assistants in Oklahoma hold a professional licensure from the same entity that licenses Speech-Language Pathologists, the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (OBESPA). The addition of SLP Assistant (SLPA) competencies to the rule will enable the Oklahoma Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability (OEQA) to develop a subject matter exam allowing for OSDE certification of this class of professional service providers.
- b. **What classes of persons will be affected by the proposed rule change and what classes of persons will bear the costs of the proposed rule change?**
The change will affect Speech-Language Pathology Assistants who meet the subject matter competencies and other applicable requirements for certification.
- c. **What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?**
The change will benefit Speech-Language Pathology Assistants who meet all qualifications and wish to be certified by OSDE.
- d. **What is the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions?**
The agency does not anticipate any economic impact upon political subdivisions or affected classes as a result of implementation of the proposed rule change at this time.
- e. **What is the probable cost to the agency to implement and enforce the proposed rule change?**
The agency does not anticipate any cost to the agency to implement and enforce as a result of the proposed change in the rule at this time. Additional record keeping, if any, will be performed by existing staff.
- f. **What is the economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change?**
The agency does not anticipate any economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change at this time.
- g. **Will implementing the rule change have an adverse effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act?**
The agency does not anticipate any adverse economic impact on small business as a result of the proposed rule change at this time.

h. **Are there any other methods which are less costly, nonregulatory, or less intrusive to achieve the purpose of the proposed rule change?**

No.

i. **Will the rule change impact the public health, safety, and environment, and is the change designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety, and environment? If so, explain nature of risk and to what extent the proposed rule change will reduce the risk.**

The agency does not anticipate any impact on public health, safety, or environment as a result of implementation of the proposed rule at this time.

j. **What detrimental effect will there be on the public health, safety, and environment if the rule change is not implemented?**

The agency does not anticipate any detrimental effect on public health, safety, or environment as a result of failure to implement the proposed rule at this time.

k. **Date Prepared:** September 8, 2017