

## Examples of Potential Audiology Aide Tasks

### Potentially Acceptable Tasks

- 1) Greeting and escorting patients
- 2) Scheduling patients
- 3) Packaging and mailing earmold orders, device repairs, and factory returns
- 4) Conducting inventories of equipment and supplies
- 5) Performing checks, troubleshooting and minor repairs on hearing amplification devices, earmolds, assistive listening devices and implantable devices
- 6) Performing electroacoustic analysis of hearing aids and other amplification devices
- 7) Instructing patients in proper use and care of hearing amplification devices, earmolds, assistive listening devices and implantable devices
- 8) Demonstrating alerting and assistive listening devices
- 9) Assisting audiologists in treatment programs
- 10) Assisting audiologists with physical preparation of patient for evaluation
- 11) Preparing materials for ear impressions
- 12) Maintaining and restocking test and treatment rooms
- 13) Performing equipment maintenance and biologic checks
- 14) Performing pure-tone hearing screening (without interpretation)
- 15) Conducting otoacoustic emission tests (without interpretation)
- 16) Assisting audiologists in conditioning and centering of patients during hearing evaluation
- 17) Administering newborn hearing screening
- 18) Performing non-diagnostic otoscopy
- 19) Performing ear impressions under the direct supervision of an audiologist
- 20) Performing infection control duties
- 21) Serve as a test assistant during behavioral pediatric evaluations
- 22) Performing telehealth duties at the discretion of the audiologist and allowed by state law

Potentially Prohibited Tasks

- 1) Perform any procedure for which the audiology assistant is not qualified or has not been adequately trained
- 2) Take earmold impressions for amplification or recreation without qualifying training in the task and direct supervision by a licensed audiologist
- 3) Perform tympanometry without qualifying training in the task and direct supervision by a licensed audiologist
- 4) Perform patient preparation for ABR evaluation without qualifying training in the task and direct supervision by a licensed audiologist
- 5) Interpret test results
- 6) Participate in team or case conferences, or any inter-disciplinary team without the presence of the supervising audiologist or designated audiologist
- 7) Create, develop, or modify a patient's individualized treatment plan
- 8) Assist with patients without following the treatment plan prepared by the audiologist or without proper supervision
- 9) Sign any formal documents such as hearing aid delivery receipts, treatment plans, reimbursement forms, or reports. (Notes written by audiology aides must be reviewed and co-signed by the licensed audiologist.)
- 10) Diagnose hearing disorders
- 11) Select patients for treatment services or discharge patients from treatment services
- 12) Disclose clinical or confidential information either verbally or in writing to anyone without approval of the licensed audiologist
- 13) Make referrals for additional services; counsel or consult with the patient, family or others regarding the patient status or service
- 14) Represent themselves as an audiologist
- 15) Provide tinnitus counseling and treatment
- 16) Supervise or manage infant hearing screening programs
- 17) Supervise or manage occupational hearing conservation/prevention programs
- 18) Determine the suitability of hearing aids
- 19) Select or recommend hearing amplification devices, earmolds, assistive listening devices and implantable devices
- 20) Fit or dispense hearing instruments, including but not limited to initial programming or changes to prescribed programming
- 21) Perform aural (re)habilitation
- 22) Perform any telehealth prohibited by state law