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Definitions
1(1) The following definitions apply in this regulation.

"Act" means The Regulated Health Professions Act.

"audiologist" means a person entered on the register of audiologists or associate audiologists.

"college" means the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Manitoba.

"competent", in relation to the performance of a reserved act, means that the audiologist or speech-language pathologist, as the case may be, has the requisite knowledge, skill and judgment to perform that act.

"council" means the council of the college.

"speech-language pathologist" means a person entered on the register of speech-language pathologists or associate speech-language pathologists.

1(2) A reference to a reserved act in this regulation is a reference to the reserved act listed in section 4 of the Act.

Designation
2(1) Audiology is designated as a regulated health profession for the purpose of the Act.

2(2) Speech-language pathology is designated as a regulated health profession for the purpose of the Act.

College
3 The Manitoba Speech and Hearing Association, incorporated by a private Act of the Legislature, is continued under clause 8(b) of the Act as the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Manitoba for the regulated health profession of audiology and the regulated health profession of speech-language pathology.
**Scope of practice**

**4(1)** The scope of practice of audiology is

(a) the assessment of auditory and vestibular functions; and

(b) the treatment and prevention of auditory and vestibular dysfunctions;

to develop, maintain, rehabilitate or augment auditory, vestibular and communicative functions and auditory and vestibular health. The scope of practice includes education, administration and research related to audiology.

**4(2)** The scope of practice of speech-language pathology is

(a) the assessment of speech and language functions, related communication disorders and swallowing functions; and

(b) the treatment and prevention of speech and language dysfunctions and disorders, including vocal tract dysfunction and related swallowing dysfunctions and disorders;

to develop, maintain, rehabilitate or augment oral motor, communicative functions, vocal tract dysfunction, or elective modification of communication behaviours, and to enhance communication. The scope of practice includes education, administration and research related to speech-language pathology.

**Practice of audiology, speech-language pathology**

**5(1)** Subject to the Act and the regulations and any conditions imposed on his or her certificate of registration or practice, an audiologist may engage in the practice of audiology. But in doing so, the audiologist may not act beyond the scope of practice of audiology.

**5(2)** Subject to the Act and the regulations and any conditions imposed on his or her certificate of registration or practice, a speech-language pathologist may engage in the practice of speech-language pathology. But in doing so, the speech-language pathologist may not act beyond the scope of practice of speech-language pathology.

**Reserved acts**

**6(1)** In the course of engaging in the practice of audiology, an audiologist is authorized — subject to the regulations made by the council and any conditions imposed on his or her certificate of registration or practice — to perform the applicable reserved acts set out in Table 1 of the Schedule.

**6(2)** In the course of engaging in the practice of speech-language pathology, a speech-language pathologist is authorized — subject to the regulations made by the council and any conditions imposed on his or her certificate of registration or practice — to perform the applicable reserved acts set out in Table 2 of the Schedule.

**6(3)** Despite subsections (1) and (2), an audiologist or speech-language pathologist may only perform a reserved act that he or she is competent to perform and that is safe and appropriate for the procedure being performed.
SCHEDULE
(Section 6)

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<th>Reserved acts for the practice of audiology</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Making a diagnosis of an auditory or vestibular dysfunction and communicating it to an individual or his or her personal representative in circumstances in which it is reasonably foreseeable that the individual or representative will rely on the diagnosis to make a decision about the individual's health care.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Receiving reports of screening or diagnostic tests that (a) are ordered by a health care professional (other than an audiologist); and (b) assist in the diagnosis and intervention plan to promote and maintain an individual's communicative, auditory or vestibular health care needs.</td>
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<td>4(a)</td>
<td>Inserting or removing an instrument, device or finger into the external ear canal, up to the eardrum, for the purpose of (a) introducing impression material to make an ear impression; (b) performing caloric testing during vestibular assessments; or (c) performing cerumen management.</td>
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<td>5(d)</td>
<td>Administering a substance into the external ear canal, up to the eardrum, by irrigation when (a) performing caloric testing during vestibular assessments; or (b) performing cerumen management.</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td>Putting into the external ear canal, up to the eardrum, a substance that is under pressure or subsequently solidifies when (a) performing immittance testing; (b) introducing impression material while making impressions of the ear; or (c) performing cerumen management.</td>
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<td>16</td>
<td>Prescribing, dispensing or fitting a wearable hearing instrument.</td>
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The following definitions apply in Table 1.

"cerumen" means the wax-like substance that occurs naturally as a secretion of sebaceous and ceruminous glands in the cartilaginous portion of the ear canal.

"cerumen management" means one or more services related to the removal of cerumen for the purpose of an audiological procedure that requires a clear external ear canal to satisfactorily complete the procedure.
### TABLE 2

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<th>Reserved acts for the practice of speech-language pathology</th>
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<td>1 Making a diagnosis of a speech, language or related communication dysfunction or disorder or a swallowing dysfunction or disorder and communicating it to an individual or his or her personal representative in circumstances in which it is reasonably foreseeable that the individual or representative will rely on the diagnosis to make a decision about the individual's health care.</td>
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<td>2 Receiving reports of screening or diagnostic tests that (a) are ordered by a health care professional (other than a speech-language pathologist); and (b) are for the purpose of treating or diagnosing a communication or swallowing dysfunction or disorder.</td>
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<td>4(a) Inserting or removing an instrument or a device into the external ear canal for the purpose of (a) screening of hearing; or (b) inserting or removing a wearable hearing instrument.</td>
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<td>4(b) Inserting or removing an instrument or a device beyond the point in the nasal passages where they normally narrow for the purpose of assessing and managing communication and swallowing disorders.</td>
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<td>4(c) Inserting or removing an instrument or a device or finger beyond the pharynx for the purpose of (a) assessing and managing voice disorders and voice restoration; and (b) suctioning a tracheostomy.</td>
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<td>4(g) Inserting or removing an instrument or a device or finger into an artificial opening in the body for the purpose of (a) assessing and managing voice disorders and voice restoration; and (b) suctioning a tracheostomy.</td>
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Reserved acts for the practice of speech-language pathology | Description
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9 | Topically administering a drug that is an anaesthetic for the purpose of minimizing pain or discomfort to a client when performing a procedure during assessment and management of swallowing or voice disorders.
10(b)(vii) | Applying surface electromyography for the purpose of treating swallowing disorders.