



Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

Communication Disorders Department Policy and Procedure

**SUBJECT: PROVISION OF SUPERVISION
FOR AIDES AND ASSISTANTS**

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Purpose:

To specify the standards for supervision of Communication Disorders Department Aides and Assistants.

POLICY:

The Communication Disorders Department complies with the regulations of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board of the State of California and standards of the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association.

PROCEDURES:

1. The Communication Disorders Department aides and assistants shall work under the supervision of the speech-language pathologist or audiologist and shall be registered and approved by the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board of the State of California Department of Consumer Affairs.
2. The Speech-Language Pathology aide is trained and supervised by a licensed and experienced speech-language pathologist. Audiology aides are trained and supervised by a licensed and experienced audiologist. The supervisor (or designee in his/her absence) of the aide is to be physically present while the aide is working with patients.
3. Licensed staff are legally responsible for the extent, kind and quality of services performed by the aide and/or assistant at all times. They are responsible for understanding the legal and clinically appropriate scope of services to be provided by aides and assistants and for maintaining safe and appropriate levels of supervision.
4. A licensed professional staff member may not supervise more than 3 speech pathology or audiology aides or assistants.

Source: Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Licensure Act, State of California, Department of Consumer Affairs.

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