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PUBLIC NOTICE

**SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY, AUDIOLOGY AND HEARING AID
DISPENSING PRACTICES BOARD
EXTENSION OF TRAINEE PERMIT**

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Individuals who meet all requirements for a temporary hearing aid dispenser permit (trainee permit) pursuant to Rule 16.26.15(A) NMAC may be eligible for an extension of the trainee permit beyond one year due to the public health emergency in Executive Order No. 2020-004 and subsequent orders therefrom, and inability to sit for the Hearing Aid Dispenser Exam (HAD) exam. Eligibility is based on the following:

- The individual applied for the trainee permit pursuant to Rule 16.26.15 NMAC between the dates of September 19, 2019 and August 27, 2020 (the date this notice was publicly issued); *or*
- The individual applied for the trainee permit pursuant to Rule 16.25.15 NMAC during the pendency of the public health emergency as ordered by the Governor of New Mexico by Executive Order; *and*
- The individual meets all other requirements for the trainee permit as stated in Rule 16.26.15 NMAC.

Individuals who meet all of the above criteria will automatically be granted a 6-month extension of their trainee permit from the date the public health emergency is lifted by the Governor by Executive Order.

As a courtesy, Board staff will notify all individuals who are granted the extension by email once the public health emergency is lifted with the date their trainee permit expires. Board staff will notify trainee permit holders as soon as practicable following the lifting of the public health emergency order. Please note the date of this email may not directly coincide with the issuance of the Governor's Executive Order lifting the public health emergency order. **Affected trainee permit holders are responsible for keeping themselves informed of such dates.**

For questions, please contact the Board by email at speech.hearing@state.nm.us or by phone at (505) 476-4622.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Richard Cram*

Dr. Richard Cram, Dispensing Audiologist

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