

Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association

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Dear Administrator,

This year, the Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association is promoting the National Certification of our members. The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the credentialing association that grants the Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) to members who meet strict standards. This certification ensures a quality of service and benefits to consumers, as well as to schools, who hire and employ speech-language pathologists and audiologists.

These benefits include:

- **Professionals authorized to bill Medicaid for services.** Recent audits have proven costly in states utilizing less qualified providers.
- **Highly educated professionals who demonstrate a master level of competence.** Candidates must have at least a master's level education, 400 clock hours of obtained clinical practice, passed a national exam and completed a clinical fellowship experience.
- **Professionals who demonstrate documented skill attainment under the supervision of a highly qualified peer.** CCC candidates complete a year of supervision and mentoring with materials reviewed by ASHA's Clinical Board.
- **Professionals who are recognized by governmental regulations and international groups.** The CCC is a standard for reimbursement and is a recognized highest qualified standard.
- **Professionals who have a standard of mandatory continuing education to maintain certification.** Even during retirement or a personal hiatus, requirements for continuing education must be maintained.
- **Professionals who recognize and are bound by a code of ethics.** An ethics violation can result in a revocation of the CCC. Many other fields' highest level of standards often do not include ethics as an integral part of certification or endorsement.

The speech-language pathologist and audiologist who hold the CCC demonstrates the highest level of standard and commitment that our profession holds. The consumer and employer can be assured of a quality professional who abides by continuing education and ethical practices. Please personally commend your current employees who have their CCC's and continue to seek out those professionals who hold the CCC when hiring.

Please feel free to contact the Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association at 312-644-0828 or visit our website at www.ishail.org for questions or additional information.

Sincerely,

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Professionals Serving People with Communication Disorders