

Notice of Proposed Amendments to CHCPBC Bylaws

On June 16, 2025, the Speech-Language Pathology Panel of the Registration Committee of the College of Health and Care Professionals of British Columbia (the “College”) approved publication of proposed amendments to the College Bylaws.

The amendments to Schedule 10: Certified Practice: Opticianry, Audiology, Hearing Instrument Dispensing, Speech-Language Pathology, and Dietetics, Part 2: Audiology, Hearing Instrument Dispensing, and Speech-Language Pathology are required, to align the regulatory framework for performance of videofluoroscopic assessment and management of swallowing (VFSS) across the College’s regulated professions.

Videofluoroscopy is utilized by some of the College’s regulated professions to assess and manage swallowing disorders (VFSS). In addition, fluoroscopy is utilized by the speech-language pathology profession for the purposes of velopharyngeal dysfunction management.

Performance of VFSS does not involve a restricted activity for any of the College’s nine (9) professions under the regulations. Certification requirements for performance of VFSS by registered speech-language pathologists (RSLPs) are only prescribed in bylaw, not in the Speech and Hearing Health Professionals Regulation (the “Regulation”). Under the current regulatory framework in British Columbia, and the regulatory oversight of CHCPBC, certification requirements for performance of VFSS are inconsistent, only applying to speech-language pathology amongst CHCPBC’s regulated professions. Other professions regulated by CHCPBC perform VFSS, when consistent with the profession’s scope of practice, without certification requirements.

Utilization of videofluoroscopy to assess and manage velopharyngeal dysfunction involves performing a restricted activity with certification requirements as prescribed in the Regulation, sections 5(3)(c) and 6(4). As such, the provision of velopharyngeal dysfunction management utilizing fluoroscopy necessitates prescribing these requirements in bylaw specific to speech-language pathology.

The amendments would repeal the certification requirement to perform VFSS by RSLPs. Certification requirements for RSLPs to utilize videofluoroscopy to assess and manage velopharyngeal dysfunction would remain. Currently, approximately 230 RSLPs, as well as other professions regulated by CHCPBC, provide VFSS to the public.

Registrants have a professional responsibility to ensure they have the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities to provide safe and competent care and are required to ensure they meet professional and practice standards and associated code of ethics, regardless of additional limits and conditions, such as certification, to perform aspects of practice within their profession’s scope of practice.

[Read the proposed amendments to the CHCPBC Bylaws](#) (redline PDF).

The proposed amendments will be posted for one month. Any comments or feedback on the proposed amendments should be sent to the College and the Ministry of Health, no later than **July 20, 2025**, to the attention of:

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