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NEWS BRIEFS; Michigan to Hand SLPs Licensure Requirements

On Dec. 19, 2008, Michigan became the 48th state to pass licensure legislation for speech-language pathologists, the American Speech-Language Hearing Association reported in an e-mail to members.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed the bill into law in January, according to the Michigan Speech-Language Hearing Association. "They don't have a board, and the rules haven't been promulgated yet, though," a MSHA spokesperson tells TCI. "But the law is there."

ASHA worked closely with the MSHA to incorporate language favorable to the membership, ASHA said.

"MSHA's negotiations with the Michigan Medical Association, Michigan Otolaryngological Society, and Michigan Department of Education resulted in key provisions including diagnostic testing for endoscopic videostroboscopy and intervention for swallowing disorders, grandfather provisions for school-based SLPs, and licensure by endorsement for applicants from other states."