

**Department of Health, Division of Health-Related Boards and Commissions
June 2022**

ADH Board of Dental Examiners:

Describe why the agency has been unable to comply with [the deadline];

Regarding Act 651, the ADH Board of Dental Examiners was waiting to determine if rules would need to be drafted based on actions by the ADH Medical Board and ADH Board of Pharmacy, as they could develop specific guidance or a rule that could be used by other boards and that was consistent with the Act. The ADH Medical Board and ADH Board of Pharmacy agreed upon developed guidance and shared with the Board. This took place in late 2021 and the Board will utilize the guidance developed by the two Boards.

Various other Acts, including Acts 748, 725, and 1101 also required rule amendments and the Board planned to amend and promulgate all its rule changes simultaneously. There was some delay as the Board reviewed potential language changes and sought input.

Provide an update on the current status of the necessary rule changes;

The Board is meeting on June 10th and will set a public hearing and time to conduct the public comment period.

Describe the steps the agency is taking to address the failure to comply with [the deadline];

The Board is aware of the delays and will take action to promulgate future rules in a quicker manner. Furthermore, they plan to schedule additional board meetings per year as needed to increase the speed of their rule making processes.

Provide an anticipated date for when the final version of the new, amended, or repealed rule will be filed for adoption with the Secretary of State.

The Board anticipates this taking place in August 2022.

ADH Board of Examiners of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology

Describe why the agency has been unable to comply with [the deadline];

After the 2021 legislative session, the ADH Board of Examiners of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology began drafting language to comply with the various acts that would require amendments to the current rules. As the Board was reviewing potential changes and edits, it was determined that there were changes and edits that needed to be made to the rules related to Speech Language Pathology Assistants or SLPAs. The Board began meeting with stakeholders and began drafting language to address this. After multiple meetings throughout 2021 and early 2022 and providing additional time for sufficient public comments to be submitted, the Board approved its final proposed amendments in May of 2022.

Provide an update on the current status of the necessary rule changes;
The Board approved its rules May 22, 2022, and will be submitting the necessary documentation to BLR as soon as possible to be presented to the Rules Committee.

Describe the steps the agency is taking to address the failure to comply with [the deadline];

The Board is aware of the delays and will take action to promulgate future rules in a quicker manner. They do not anticipate a delay such as this in the future. The Board believes the promulgated amendments will address past issues and took time to receive sufficient feedback.

Provide an anticipated date for when the final version of the new, amended, or repealed rule will be filed for adoption with the Secretary of State.

The Board anticipates its process being completed in August 2022.