

### **Changes to the legislative scope sought.**

- 38-1504: Definition of hearing instrument changed to align with the FDA’s definition.
- 38-1505: Title changed to better reflect the section. In subsection (3) mention of tympanometry was removed. In subsection (4) more specificity was added to address concern from interested parties. Subsection (11) was changed to specify that “Tinnitus Care” would only be through tinnitus maskers in accordance with the manufacturer’s audiology department staff.
- 38-1506: Within the definition of “Tinnitus Care”, restricts that definition to only allow HIS to use tinnitus maskers in accordance with the manufacturer’s audiology department staff.
- 38-1509: Added “current” to the license requirements listed to specifically require a HIS licensee to have an updated license. “Dispensing of hearing instruments” was replaced with “Ordering the use of and fitting hearing instruments” to harmonize throughout the section and overall scope.
- 38-1510: In subsection (4) removes mention of tympanometry from the patient age limitation.
- 38-1511: In subsection (3) specifies compliance to be with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations. In subsection (4) adds clarification to what is being delivered.
  - Sec. 27: Subsection (2)’s records maintenance was changed to clarify that records must be kept for a period of 7 years from the date of production.
- 38-1512: Specifies that the department will determine whether a person has met the requirements for eligibility to take the exam pursuant to this act.
- 38-1514:
  - Sec. 17: Replaces “engage in dispensing of hearing instruments” with “practice the ordering of the use of and fitting hearing instruments” to be more in line with language throughout the proposal. Subsection (2) is struck completely. That subsection allowed the hearing assessment to include tympanometry.
  - Sec. 20: In subsection (3), replaced “dispensing” with “ordering the use of and fitting of” to be more in line with language throughout the proposal.
  - Sec. 21: Language cleanup done in Subsection (1) and (2), does not impact scope request. Removed “Dually Licensed Audiologist” from subsection (10) at the

request of interested parties. Specified in subsection (11) that continuing education would be for cerumen removal only, due to other topics being removed from the proposal.

- Sec. 22: This section, dealing with tinnitus care, is completely struck from the proposal.
- Sec. 23: This section, dealing with tympanometry, is completely struck from the proposal.
- Numbers adjusted based on struck sections.

### **Changes to questions posed after the legislative scope sought.**

- Question 4: Added the overall goal of the scope change, Cerumen Removal.
- Question 5: Inserted “Hearing Instrument Specialists” to provide clarity. Removed aural rehabilitation counsel from the description of what HIS do.
- Question 6: Included ENTs in those that offer similar services.
- Question 7: Added language that differentiates HIS from Audiologists and adds specificity to where HIS operate.
- Question 9: Outlines that licensed HIS are authorized to operate autonomously within their scope.
- Question 10: Provided information on the number of credentialed members in the state.
- Question 11: Was reworded to better explain the process for HIS licensure based off of suggestions from the shared Google Doc.
- Question 12: Was reworded to better explain where HIS perform their services.
- Question 13: Clarify that while HIS serve members of the population age 16 and up, the scope change (cerumen removal) is only to be performed on individuals above the age of 18.
- Question 14: Clean up language as suggested by comments on the shared Google Doc.
- Question 17: More specifics added regarding continuing education.
- Question 18: Rewording based on comments from the shared Google doc which outline renewal process for licenses.
- Question 19: Added a reference to the list of states that has been submitted to the TRC.

**Next section of questions.**

- Question 1: Added general reason behind the scope change.
- Question 3: Changed the age listed from 16 to 18.
- Question 4: Specifically mention cerumen removal as the scope sought.
- Question 5: Add that the current practice is for the NHS or the licensing board to maintain license records as well as continuing education tracking.
- Question 9: Struck mention of a possible Tympanometry training course.