
Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC)

Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact Commission

Title of Rule: Rule on ASLP-IC Dispute Resolution

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Chapter 5: Rulemaking on Dispute Resolution

Authority: **Section 3:** State Participation in the Compact

Section 8: Establishment of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
Interstate Compact Commission

Section 10: Rulemaking

Section 11: Oversight, Dispute Resolution, and Enforcement

5.0 Purpose:

Pursuant to Section 11.A., upon request by a member state, the Commission shall attempt to resolve disputes related to the Compact that arise among member states and between member and non-member states.

Pursuant to Section 8.E.3.a., the Executive Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities: Recommend to the entire Commission changes to the rules or bylaws, changes to this Compact legislation, fees paid by Compact member states such as annual dues, and any commission Compact fee charged to licensees for the compact privilege.

5.1 Definitions: A. "Dispute Resolution" means processes such as negotiation, mediation, or arbitration used to resolve conflicts or claims outside of traditional court litigation.

5.2 Dispute Resolution:

A. In accordance with Section 11 of the Compact, in the event that two (2) or more member states have a dispute, the parties shall attempt resolution following the steps set out in this rule.

B. The parties shall first attempt informal resolution. The delegates and appropriate staff in the member states involved in the dispute shall first contact each other. Delegates and/or appropriate staff shall submit a written statement describing the situation to the other delegates and/or appropriate staff involved in the dispute. Each member states' delegates and/or appropriate staff may submit a response. The submission of the statement and the response shall be in a mutually agreed upon time. If the dispute is related to an interpretation of the Compact, the parties shall contact the Executive Director to request assistance from the Executive Committee. If all issues are resolved, no further action is required. If any issue remains unresolved, the parties shall notify the Executive Committee, through the Executive Director, to request mediation and provide the Executive Committee with a concise statement of unresolved issue(s) and analysis including references to ASLP-IC statutes, rules and any supporting documents. The Executive Committee may refer the matter to the Compliance Committee. After review by the Compliance Committee, its recommendations will be sent to the parties and the Executive Committee for further review.

C. A member state that has a dispute with one or more other member states, and informal resolution was unsuccessful, shall attempt mediation. Mediation shall be conducted by a mediator appointed by the Executive Committee from a list of mediators approved by the National Association of Certified Mediators or as agreed to by all parties. If all issues are resolved through mediation, no further action is required. If mediation is unsuccessful, the parties shall submit to binding dispute resolution.

1. The costs of mediation shall be equally shared by all member states involved.
2. All member state delegates and/or appropriate staff shall be notified of all issues and disputes that rise to the mediation stage in order to comment on those matters and disputes that may impact all member states.
3. In the event of a dispute between member states that was not resolved through informal resolution or mediation, the member states shall submit to binding dispute resolution. The parties may choose binding dispute resolution either by submitting the question in dispute to the Commission for final action or by arbitration.
4. All member states involved shall agree to proceed with arbitration. In the absence of agreement, the matter shall be referred to the full Commission for final determination.

D. Each member state involved shall be responsible for its own respective expenses, including attorney fees.

E. The member state compact delegates involved in the dispute shall recuse themselves from consideration or voting by the full Commission.

F. Nothing herein shall prohibit the Commission from seeking injunctive relief for noncompliance.