

Dear SAC Ontario Audiology Members,

We are pleased to inform you that SAC formally submitted a proposal to the Ontario Ministry of Health in early June, recommending updates to the scope of practice for audiologists.

This submission builds on the recommendations of the Ontario Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (OSLA) and is directly informed by feedback from audiologists across the province. The recommendations reflect the key priorities that you have identified as essential to advancing audiology practice and improving patient outcomes.

To better support your work and improve system efficiency, SAC has recommended the following updates:

1. **Amending the audiology scope of practice statement** to include the terms “*diagnosis*” and “*vestibular disorders*.”
2. **Adding the controlled act of communicating a diagnosis**, identifying auditory and vestibular disorders as the cause of a person’s symptoms.
3. **Enabling direct referrals** to specialty medicine (e.g., ENT).

These changes would allow audiologists to work to their full scope of practice, reduce delays in care, and ensure patients receive timely and effective treatment.

We sincerely appreciate your input, engagement, and expertise, which have been key in shaping this proposal. SAC remains committed to monitoring developments, engaging Ontario members, and participating in dialogue that reflects the changing needs of the healthcare system.

We will continue to update you as the Ministry reviews the submission, and we look forward to working together as we advance this important initiative. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to advancing audiology services across Ontario.

Sincerely,

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