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To: MEMBERS of the Manitoba Speech and Hearing Association

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RE: Minister Oswald Announces Proclamation of Regulation under RHPA

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On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2011, Health Minister Teresa Oswald announced the proclamation of certain pieces of the Regulated Health Professions Act, which establishes the Health Professions Advisory Council. Of particular interest to audiologists and speech – language pathologists is the following:

“Proclaiming these pieces of the Regulated Health Professions Act is the next step in the work to create consistent regulation for all health professions in Manitoba and support quality patient care,” said Oswald. “The Health Professions Advisory Council will provide advice to government on issues around professional regulation and review applications from unregulated professions that apply to become regulated under the act.”

“We did extensive consultations with more than 60 organizations and individuals before we introduced this legislation,” said Oswald. “Establishing the council is the next step to create consistent regulation for all health professions and support the highest possible standards for patient safety for Manitobans.”

**“The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba, the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba and the Manitoba Speech and Hearing Association have been working actively on completing the work to transition to the new legislation.** The new health professions council will provide advice on finishing the work to support this transition.”

This marks another important milestone in MSHA’s efforts to establish the College of Audiologists and Speech – Language Pathologists of Manitoba.

To view the complete media release, copy and paste this web address in your browser:

<http://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?archive=&item=11627>

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Thank you.