

CODES OF ETHICS

Audiologists, speech-language pathologists, and assistants within the state of Illinois must uphold several codes of ethics and laws in order to practice. These include:

- ASHA Code of Ethics: [English Version](#) / [Spanish Version](#)
 - **4 Principles of Ethics**
 - I. Individuals shall honor their responsibility to hold paramount the welfare of persons they serve professionally or who are participants in research and scholarly activities.
 - II. Individuals shall honor their responsibility to achieve and maintain the highest level of professional competence and performance.
 - III. In their professional role, individuals shall act with honesty and integrity when engaging with the public and shall provide accurate information involving any aspect of the professions.
 - IV. Individuals shall uphold the dignity and autonomy of the professions, maintain collaborative and harmonious interprofessional and intraprofessional relationships, and accept the professions' self-imposed standards.
- [ISHA Code of Ethics](#) are adapted from ASHA's Code of Ethics.
 - **4 Principles of Ethics**
 - I. Individuals shall honor their responsibility to hold paramount the welfare of persons they serve professionally or who are participants in research and scholarly activities and they shall treat animals involved in research in a humane manner.
 - II. Individuals shall honor their responsibility to achieve and maintain the highest level of professional competence and performance.
 - III. Individuals shall honor their responsibility to the public by promoting public understanding of the professions, by supporting the development of services designed to fulfill the unmet needs of the public, and by providing accurate information in all communications involving any aspect of the professions, including the dissemination of research findings and scholarly activities, and the promotion, marketing, and advertising of products and services.
 - IV. Individuals shall honor their responsibilities to the professions and their relationships with colleagues, students, and members of other professions and disciplines.

Codes of Ethics per Work Setting

- For all
 - ASHA Code of Ethics: [English Version](#) / [Spanish Version](#)
 - [ISHA Code of Ethics](#)
 - [Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act](#)

- Audiologists
 - [American Academy of Audiology Code of Ethics](#)
 - More information available for future AuDs on their Code of Ethics
- Early Intervention
 - [IDEA Part C](#)
 - [Illinois Early Intervention Policies & Procedures](#)
- School
 - [Illinois Educator Code of Ethics](#)
 - **5 Core Principles:**
 1. Responsibility to Students
 2. Responsibility to Self
 3. Responsibility to Colleagues and the Profession
 4. Responsibility to Parents, Families and Communities
 5. Responsibility to the Illinois State Board of Education
 - [IDEA](#)
 - [FERPA](#)
- Medical Setting
 - [HIPAA Privacy Rule](#)
 - [Medicare/Medicaid](#) regulations
 - Biomedical ethics principles (autonomy, beneficence, nonmaleficence, justice)
 - Follow proper [billing/documentation](#) protocols
 - [Patient safety guidelines](#)
- [VA SLPs](#):
 - [VA Code of Integrity](#)
 - [VA National Standards of Practice](#)
 - [Federal Employee Standards of Ethical Conduct](#)
 - [VA I CARE Core Values](#)
 - Outpatient, inpatient, and in patient homes
- [Private Practice](#)
 - [HIPAA Privacy Rule](#)
 - Clear advertisement about services the SLP is competent in
 - Guidelines around the financial aspect
 - Transparent fees
 - Managing conflicts of interest

Resources

- The scopes of practice for speech-language pathologists and their assistants as well as audiologists and their assistants are available to see on the [ASHA Practice Policy page](#).
- [ASHA's Issues in Ethics Statements](#) can assist members engage in effective self-guided ethical decision-making.
- [Everyday Ethics](#) is an ASHA Leader blog series discussing and answering FAQs about common ethical issues in the practice of audiology and speech-language pathology.
- [ASHA Certification and Ethics Verification](#): View the status of an individual's Certificate of Clinical Competence and Ethics History.

- [Reporting a Code of Ethics Violation](#)