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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION  
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Amy Hall, Executive Secretary  
Board of Examiners for Speech-Language  
Pathology and Audiology  
P.O. Box 53592  
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Dear Executive Secretary Hall:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology intends to take against licensee K.R. The Board received a complaint alleging that the licensee did not provide services to six patients despite indicating on the patients' records that service was provided. A complaint involving similar allegations was filed against the licensee in 2003. The Board proposes to issue a Letter of Caution to the licensee reminding the licensee of the purpose of the Boards' Code of Ethics.

Under the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act, the Board has the power and duty to "[r]egulate the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology in this state," and to discipline licensees that violate the provisions of the Act or any rules promulgated by the Board. 59 O.S.Supp.2017, §§ 1610(A)(1), (3), (6), (11); 1619(A). The Act also provides that "[t]he Board...shall publish a code of ethics." 59 O.S.2011, § 1611(A). The Board's principles of ethics require "[l]icensees [to] maintain adequate records of professional services rendered." OAC 690:15-1-3(2)(D). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to deter future violations.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State of Oklahoma's policy to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

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