



## DID YOU KNOW..?

# CASLPO HAS CLARIFIED THE DEFINITION OF SCREENING

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CASLPO has observed that determining what a “screening” is and what a screening is not can be challenging. As you know, it is an important distinction because screening requires consent.

CASLPO Council has now developed a more fulsome definition that will help you determine which activities are considered “screening” and therefore require consent and which activities are not considered “screening” and therefore do not require consent.

You will find the fulsome definition is reflected in key documents, such as the [Position Statement on Consent for Services](#), and the [Guide for Speech-Language Pathologists Employed in the School Board Setting](#).

The revised definition is as follows:

Screening is a process where a member applies certain measures that are designed to identify patients who may have a hearing, balance, communication, swallowing or similar disorder[s], for the sole purpose of determining the patient’s need for a speech-language pathology assessment, an audiological assessment, or both. This does not include:

Inadvertently noticing possible hearing, balance, communication, swallowing or similar disorder[s], or

Considering information that is shared about an individual’s possible hearing, balance, communication, swallowing or similar disorder[s], for the purpose of providing general educational information and/or recommending a referral for a speech-language pathology screening or assessment, an audiological screening or assessment, or both.

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