GUIDELINES regarding Physical Aggression/Intimidation/Other Inappropriate Behavior displayed by clients in the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinics

While it is recognized that children with developmental disabilities and adults with complex neurological difficulty can present with challenging behaviors, our clinic reserves the right to discontinue evaluation or treatment services to any client (child or adult) who displays acts of physical aggression (e.g., biting, hitting, pushing, scratching) or who portrays the threat of physical acts, thereby intimidating the student clinician. As well, inappropriate verbal or nonverbal behavior directed towards the student clinician or clinical instructor could be grounds for discontinuation of services.

In the event a student clinician or clinical instructor is placed in harms way, either through a physical act, threat, or pattern of inappropriate interaction, the Clinical Instructor and Clinic Division Leader will meet in a timely manner to discuss the incident. If the decision is to terminate enrollment in the clinic, the Clinic Division Leader with approval from the Department Head will present this recommendation to the caregiver, spouse, or client of concern. As well, every effort will be made to assist the caregiver, spouse, or client in finding other speech-language or hearing services outside of the clinical education site.

I, ________________________________

Print Name

have read the above guidelines and understand the consequence should this behavior occur.

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Signature

Relationship to client: Parent/Caregiver_______ Spouse_______ Self_______

Date:______________________________

Witness:______________________________