

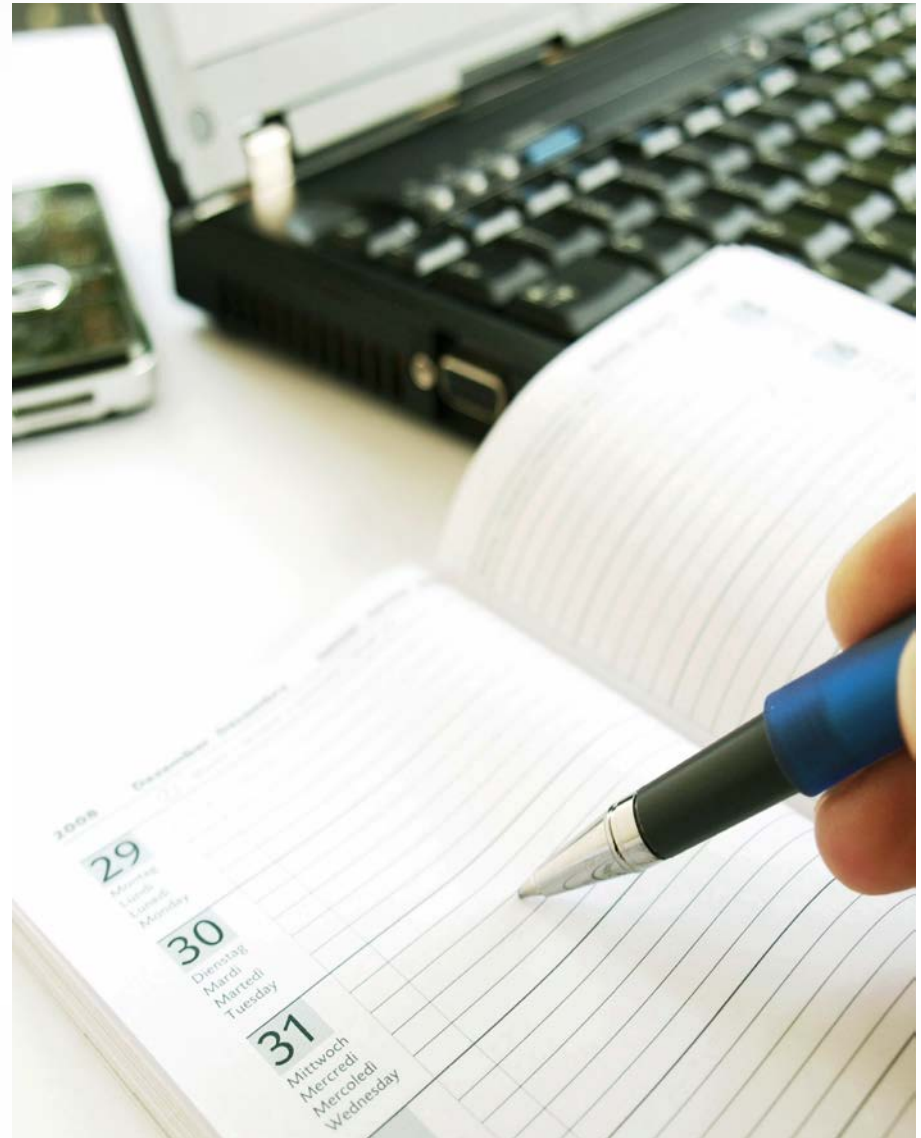
School Health Services Program Free Care Overview Training

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Acronyms

Acronym	Full Names
<i>ABA</i>	Applied Behavior Analyst
<i>BOCES</i>	Boards of Cooperative Educational Services
<i>CMS</i>	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
<i>DMP</i>	Direct Medical Percentage
<i>DS</i>	Direct Service
<i>FY</i>	Fiscal Year
<i>IEP</i>	Individualized Education Program
<i>IFSP</i>	Individualized Family Services Plan
<i>MAC</i>	Medicaid Administrative Claiming
<i>MER</i>	Medicaid Enrollment Ratio

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Acronym	Full Names
<i>MTSS</i>	Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports
<i>OD</i>	October-December
<i>PCG</i>	Public Consulting Group
<i>RMTS</i>	Random Moment Time Study
<i>SHS</i>	School Health Services
<i>SLPA</i>	Speech Language Pathologist Assistant
<i>SPA</i>	State Plan Amendment
<i>TCM</i>	Targeted Case Management
<i>TSIG</i>	Time Study Implementation Guide



Background

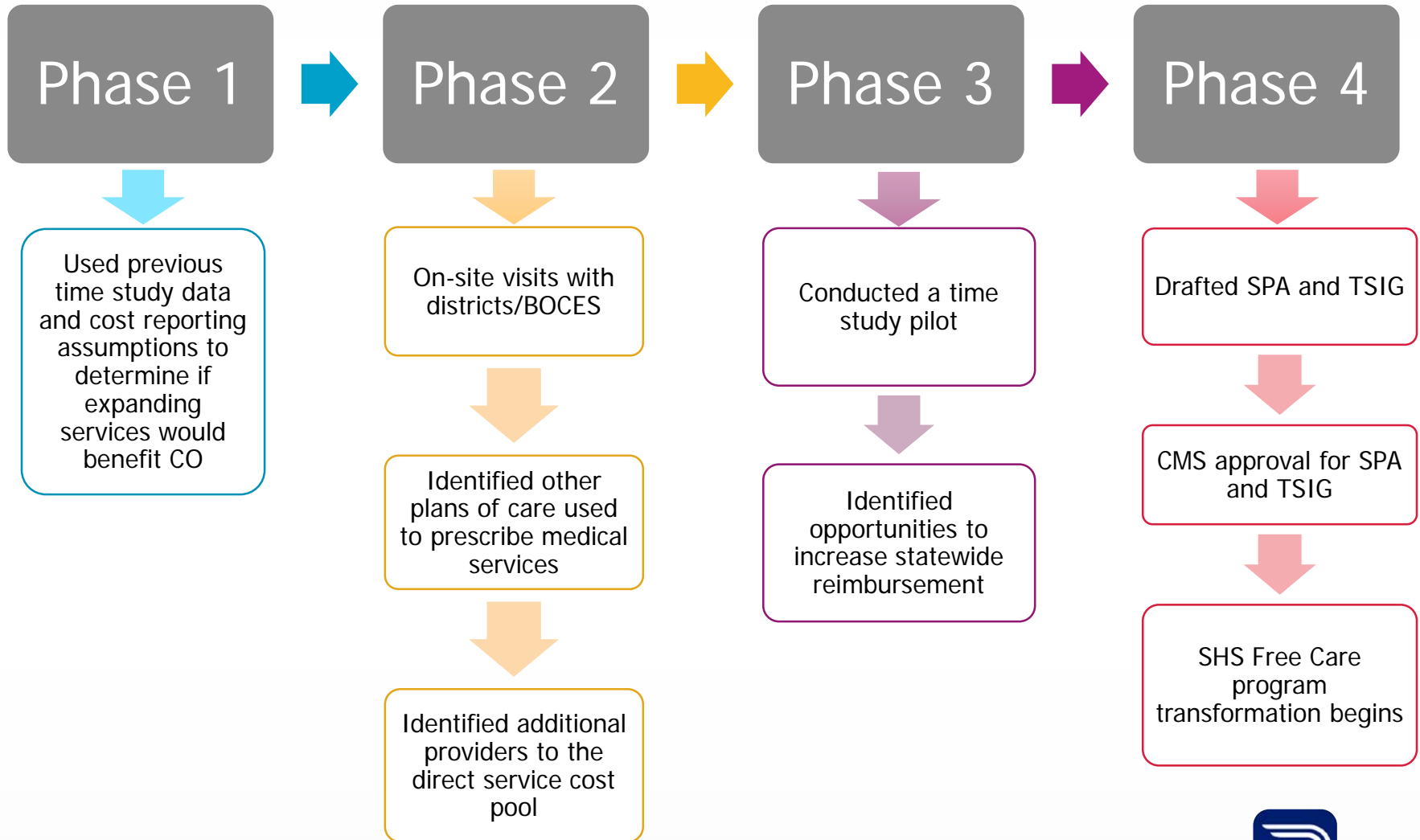
December 2014 CMS reversed their decision of not allowing Free Care to be reimbursed. This reversal means Medicaid eligible services provided to enrolled students are available for reimbursement if all other Medicaid requirements are met

Free Care definition: services provided to Medicaid enrolled students at no charge, and/or provided to the community at large free of charge

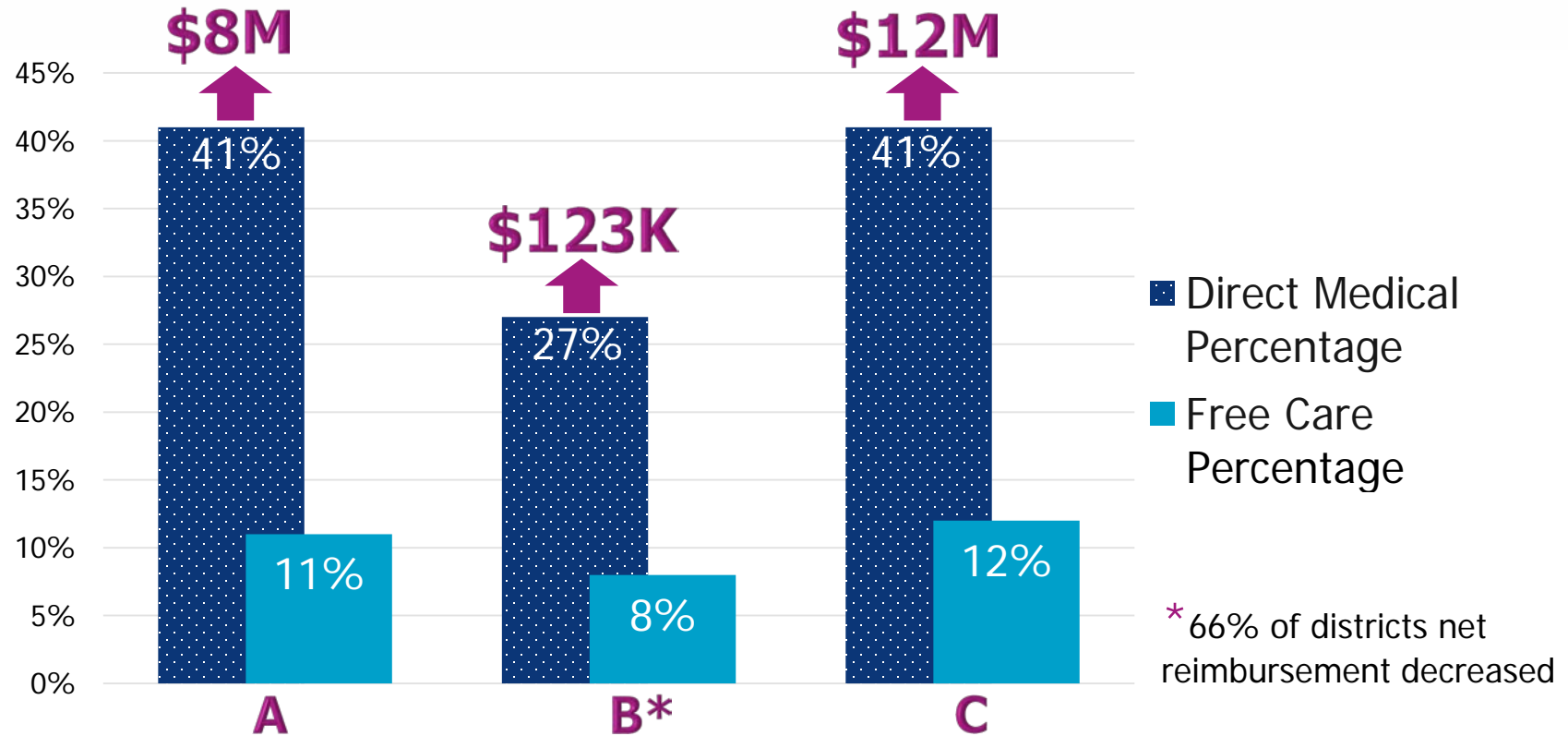
What does this mean for the SHS Program?: Expansion of program covered services will be reimbursable to districts/BOCES for Medicaid enrolled students that have other medical plans of care (outside of IEPs/IFSPs) where medical necessity has been established



Milestones



Phase 3 Pilot Statewide Outcomes by Option



A FY 2017-18 DS provider costs + DMP + new free care time study %

B* FY 2017-18 DS and Administrative provider costs + pilot DMP + new free care time study %

C FY 2017-18 DS provider costs including non-licensed Psychologist + hybrid DMP from FY 2017-18/pilot + new free care time study %



Phase 4 Program Updates

Services

- Services covered in the community can be performed in a school-based setting by a qualified medical provider
- Established medical necessity by a qualified medical provider operating within the scope of his/her practice outside of IEP/IFSPs
- Mental/behavioral health services that are identified on a medical plan of care outside IEP/IFSPs and performed by a qualified medical provider

Time Study

- Direct medical service codes (4B-IEP/IFSP, 4C-other plans of care)
- 24-hour prior moment notifications, 2-day moment response window
- Transportation codes (5A, 5B)

Medicaid Enrollment Ratio

- MER will be applied to other medical plans of care

Cost Pools

- TCM removed
- Job category changes



New Job Categories

Three job categories will be added to the DS cost pool starting in the OD20 quarter:



Applied
Behavior
Analyst

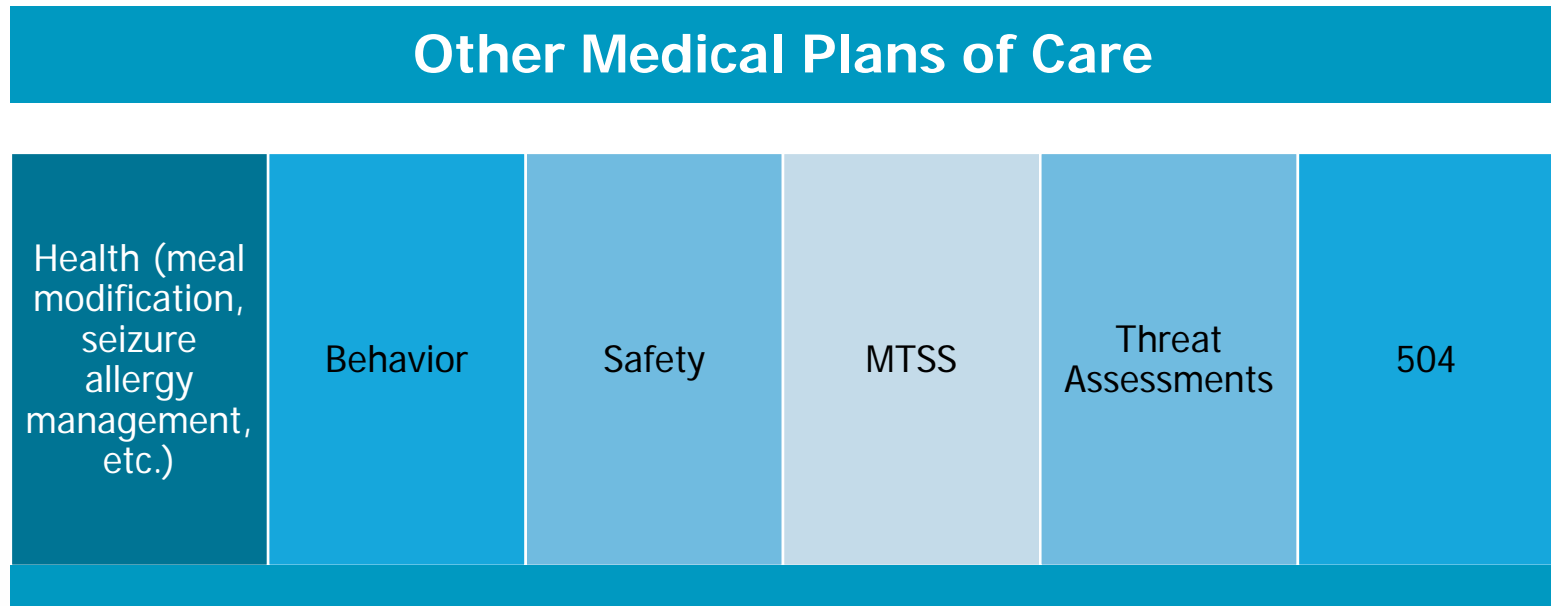
Speech
Language
Pathologist
Assistant

School
Psychologist

- No Administrative Outreach Personnel cost pool job categories were added

New Medical Plans of Care

Expansion of Free Care services will allow districts/BOCES to be reimbursed for services prescribed and rendered on other medical plans of care **if** medical necessity has been established



RMTS Program Revisions

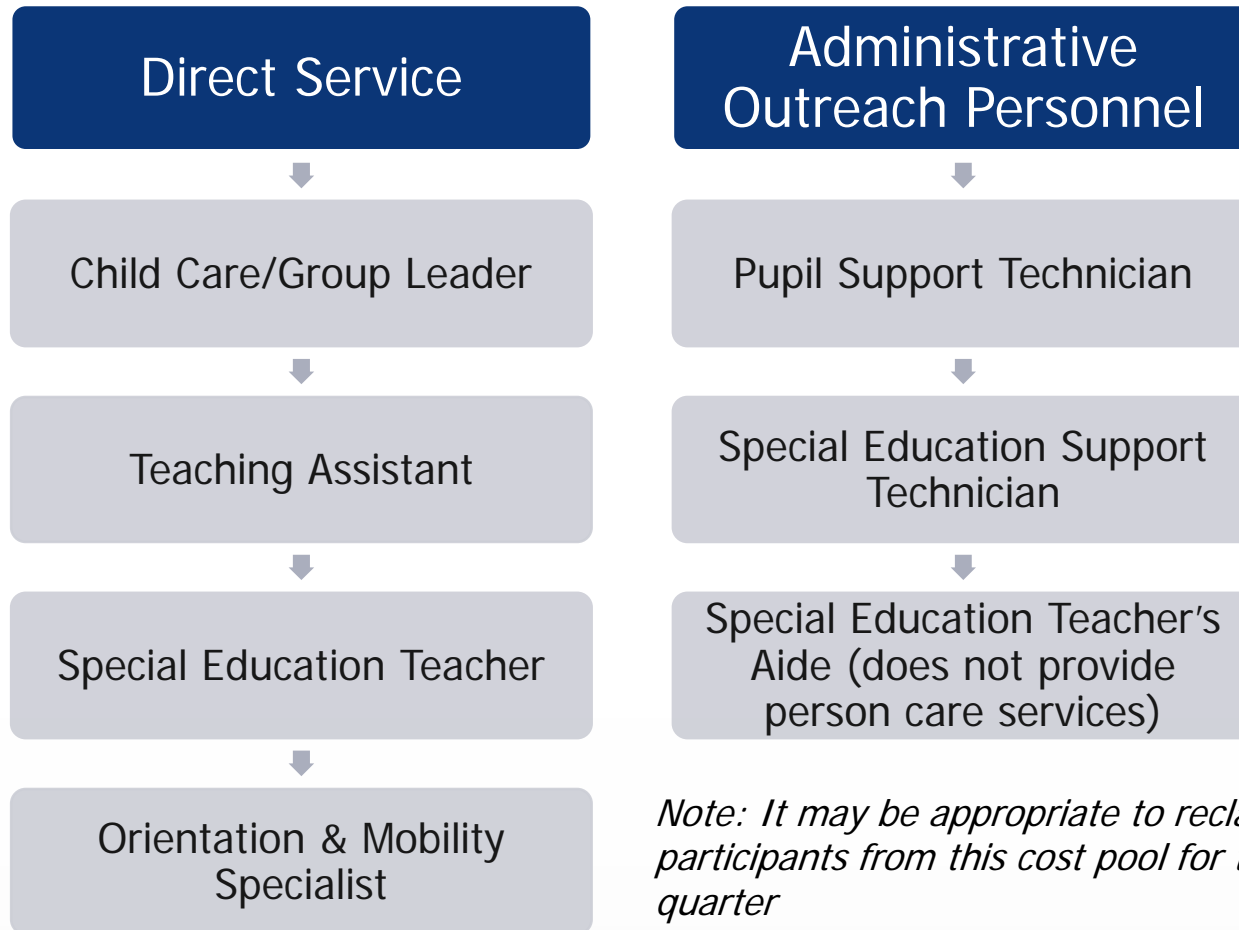
Starting in the OD20 quarter the time study will look different in the following ways:

- Removal of TCM cost pool
- 24-hour prior moment notifications
- 2-day moment response window
- Addition of three job categories
- Removal of seven job categories
 - 4 from Direct Service cost pool
 - 3 from Administrative Outreach Personnel cost pool
- Two revised time study survey questions



RMTS Job Categories

Seven job categories will be removed in OD20:



Note: It may be appropriate to reclassify time study participants from this cost pool for the Oct-Dec 2020 quarter



Training Time Study Participants

It will be important for districts to train time study participants about the upcoming program changes that will occur in OD20. Below are some frequently asked questions regarding training:

Why should I train my participants?

It will be important for your participants to know which medical plan of care they are working from when providing services to students.

Do I have to participate if I have no new providers to add to my SPL?

Yes. All participating districts/BOCES will be impacted by the Free Care expansion regardless of adding providers; time study results are statewide percentages.

Who should I start training first?

Existing participants is an important place to start since they will be impacted the most by the change.



Transportation

Transportation will not be changed by the implementation of Free Care



Additional Trainings

Four Webinar trainings will be facilitated in April, dates and topics to be covered are listed below:



- All trainings will be posted on the PCG Claiming System home page and the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing's website on May 1st

Program Resources

Free Care resources can be found in the following locations:



School Health Services Program: www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/school-health-services



PCG Claiming System: claimingsystem.pcgus.com/co

- Free Care recorded Webinars
- Free Care FAQs
- User Guides
- Stakeholder information
- Program Manual
- Program Calendar
- Training schedule
- Newsletters
- Fact Page
- Annual training PowerPoint presentations
- Staff Pool List Decision Tree



Contact Information

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us!



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