

# School Health Services Program New Licensure Training

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (Department)

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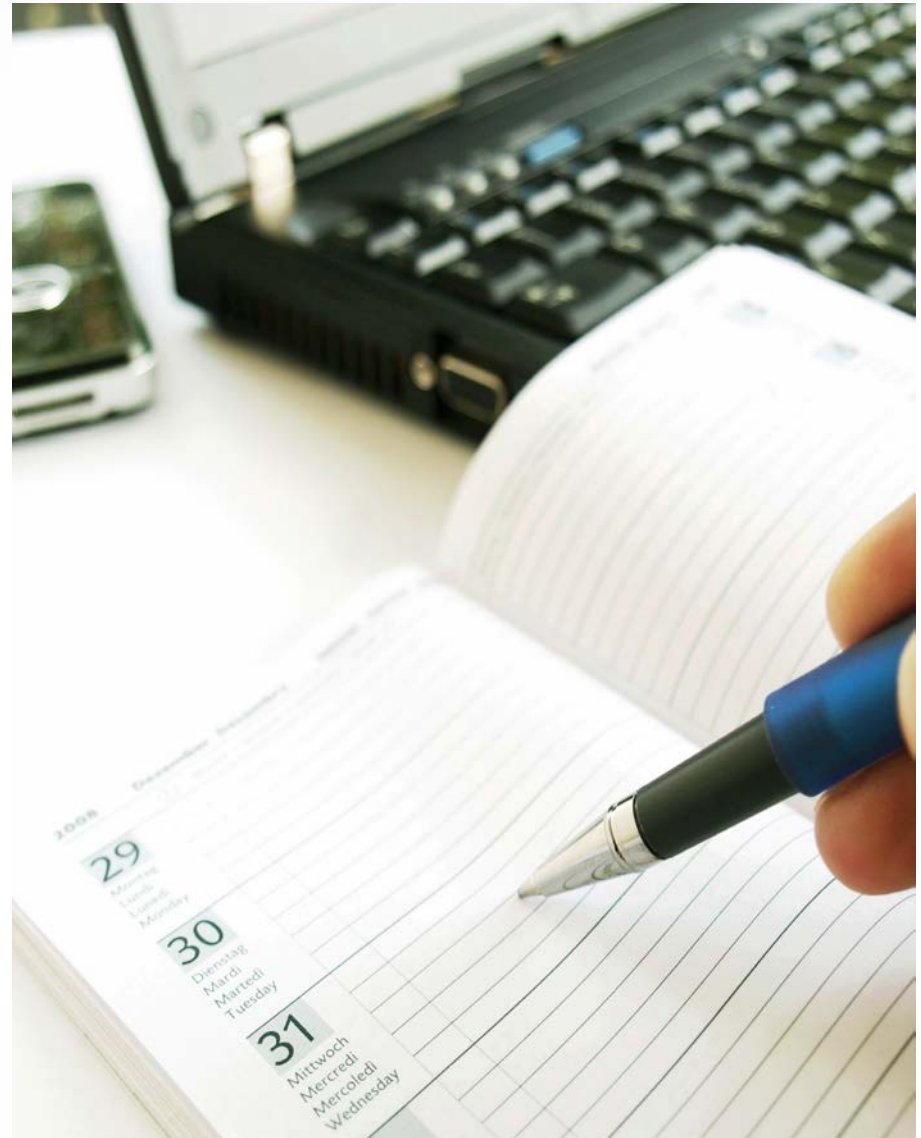
# Agenda

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# Acronyms

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Full Names</b>
<i>ABA</i>	Applied Behavior Analyst
<i>ASHA</i>	American Speech Language Hearing Associations
<i>BACB</i>	Behavioral Analyst Certification Board
<i>BCBA</i>	Board Certified Behavior Analyst
<i>BOCES</i>	Boards of Cooperative Educational Services
<i>CDE</i>	Colorado Department of Education
<i>CMS</i>	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
<i>DS</i>	Direct Service
<i>NSPCB</i>	National School Psychology Certification Board
<i>OD20</i>	October-December 2020
<i>OT</i>	Occupational Therapist
<i>PCG</i>	Public Consulting Group
<i>PT</i>	Physical Therapist
<i>OT</i>	Physical Therapist
<i>SHS</i>	School Health Services
<i>SLP</i>	Speech Language Pathologist
<i>SLPA</i>	Speech Language Pathologist Assistant
<i>SPA</i>	State Plan Amendment
<i>SPL</i>	Staff Pool List



# SPA Approval from CMS

CMS approved the revised SPA submitted by the Department in February 2020. As part of the expansion of services, providers that deliver Medicaid services in the greater community were approved to also deliver these services in schools.

## SPA Updates for Expanded 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 on plans of care outside of IEP/IFSPs

Mental/behavioral health services that are identified on a medical plan of care outside of IEP/IFSPs and performed by a qualified medical provider



# New Job Categories

Three job categories will be added to the DS cost pool that will require certifications/licenses starting in the OD20 quarter:



Applied  
Behavior  
Analyst

Speech  
Language  
Pathologist  
Assistant

School  
Psychologist

- No Administrative Outreach Personnel cost pool job categories were added

# Applied Behavior Analyst

Applied Behavior Analyst have specific certifications that can be referenced on the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing's (Department) website:

## Required Certification

Nationally certified as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA).

## Documentation to be Collected

Coordinators should keep a copy of the certification. In lieu of a BCBA certificate, a screen shot from the Behavioral Analyst Certification Board (BACB) website indicating name, location, level, number, and valid date span is acceptable.



# Speech Language Pathologist Assistant

Speech Language Pathologist Assistants have specific certifications that can be referenced on the CDE website:

## Required Certification

Current certification from ASHA and work under the supervision of a nationally licensed SLP and hold a CDE School Speech Language Pathology Assistant authorization.

## Documentation to be Collected

Coordinators should keep a copy of the ASHA certification, CDE authorization and supervising SLP.



# School Psychologist

School psychologist have specific license that can be referenced on the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing's (Department) website:

## Required Certification

Master's degree or higher, in behavioral, health sciences or education AND one of the following:

- licensed teacher with an endorsement of school psychologist; or
- licensed teacher with an endorsement of special education or early childhood special education

Certification from the National School Psychology Certification Board (NSPCB)

## Documentation to be Collected

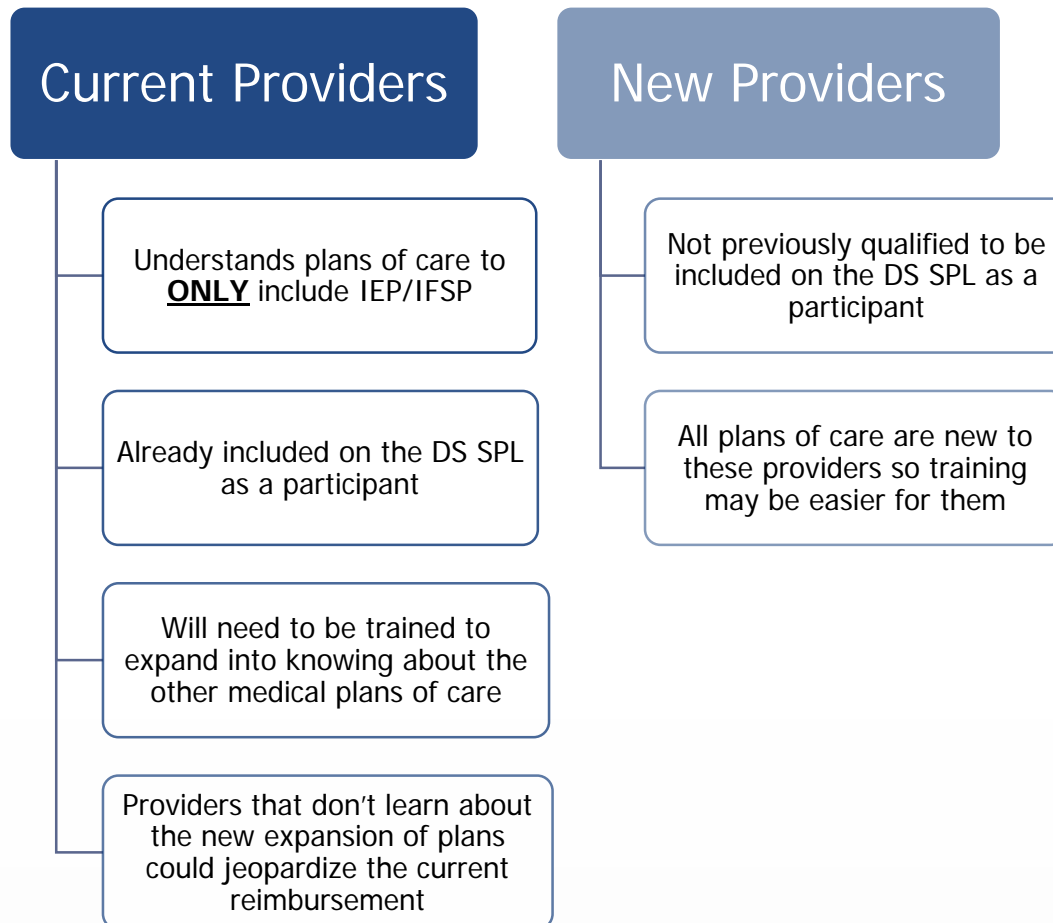
Coordinators should keep a copy of the certification from NSPCB.





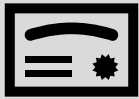
# Training Staff Pool List Participants

How do the new medical plans of care impact time study participants?



# District Reminders

Districts should make note of the following reminders:



All new providers being added to SPLs in the DS cost pool should provide coordinators with the appropriate credentials necessary to participate in the SHS program



New time study participants added to district/BOCES SPLs in OD20, will be subject to selection for licensure review as part of comprehensive program reviews.



Both new and existing time study participants should be trained on all other medical plans of care that stand alone.

# Additional Trainings

Four Webinar trainings will be facilitated in April. The 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 (Department) website on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

# Program Resources

Free Care resources can be found in the following locations:



School Health Services Program: [www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/school-health-services](http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/school-health-services)



PCG Claiming System: [claimingsystem.pcgus.com/co](http://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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