

# Florida Medicaid Draft Rule 59G-4.035 School Based Services Policy

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# Overall Changes

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- ❖ Significantly reduces number of pages of policy/rule
- ❖ Eliminates “how to” from policy and examples
- ❖ References other rules such as documentation policy, fee schedules, general policies (no longer included in this policy/rule) which will be used in conjunction with this policy.
- ❖ Includes charter and private schools
- ❖ Incorporates concept of free care-services can be provided to all Medicaid recipients with a plan (IEP, IFSP, behavior, nursing-but not limited to those)
- ❖ Changes to eligible rendering providers and services
- ❖ Changes to definition of services (reduction in descriptions)
- ❖ Changes to documentation and POC requirements
- ❖ Change to certifications of state’s share

# Specific Changes to Note

- ❖ 6.2 Specific Criteria: Requires that providers maintain a POC in recipient's file and outlines what POC must include.
  - Appears to require a POC for EVERY service
  - Refers only to "therapy", "therapist", "therapist signature" (which does not apply to many providers/services)
  - Requires "monitoring criteria" to be in POC
- ❖ 6.2.1 Requires that documentation rendered by school counselor be signed by Master's level social worker, psychologist or school psychologist

# Eligible Providers

- ❖ Changes for school district based providers are noted on following slides
- ❖ School districts are enrolled as group providers, but each provider is not required to enroll separately as a Medicaid provider and receive an individual provider number
- ❖ Providers rendering services for private and charter schools must be enrolled as Florida Medicaid providers in accordance with section 409.9072, F.S.

# Providers-Behavioral

Behavioral Service Providers	Current Handbook	New Rule
Psychologists/School Psychologists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Licensed</li> <li>-Certified by FDOE as a temporary certified school psychologist or as a certified school psychologist</li> <li>-Master's, Specialist's or higher degree and accumulating experience for licensure or FDOE certification if rendered under the general supervision of a licensed psychologist, school psychologist, or FDOE certified school psychologist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Licensed</li> <li>-Certified by FDOE as a temporary certified school psychologist or as a certified school psychologist</li> </ul>

## Behavioral Service Providers

## Current Handbook

## New Rule

Social Worker  
(Bachelor's and Master's Level)

Must have one of following:

- License as clinical social worker
- FDOE certification as school social worker with master's level degree
- Master's degree of higher and working under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker or FDOE certified master's degree or higher in social work in order to obtain work experience necessary for licensure or certification.
- FDOE certification as school social worker with bachelor's degree and working under the supervision of a licensed or FDOE certified master's degree level school social worker.

**Social workers licensed in accordance with Chapter 491**, who have one of the following:

- FDOE certification as a social worker with a master's degree or higher in social work
- Master's degree or higher and working under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker (or equivalent)

Behavioral Service Providers	Current Handbook	New Rule
Certified Behavior Analyst (Bachelor Levels and Master levels)	Certification from DCF and have bachelor's or master's degree	<b>Not in Rule-DCF certification no longer available</b>
Associate Certified Behavior Analyst	Certification from DCF and must work under the supervision of a master's level CBA	<b>Not in Rule-DCF certification no longer available</b>
<b>Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analysts (BCaBA)</b>		<b>Credentialed by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board</b>
<b>Behavior Assistants</b>		<b>Credentialed as registered behavior technician (before January 1, 2019)</b>
		<b>One of following:</b> <b>-Behavioral analyst (BCBA) credentialed by Behavioral Analyst Certification Board</b> <b>-Florida certified behavior analyst (FL-CBA) credentials by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board</b> <b>-Practitioner licensed in accordance with Chapter 490 and 491, F.S., with training and expertise in the field of behavior analysis</b>

Behavioral Service Providers	Current Handbook	New Rule
School Counselor	Certified by FDOE and have master's level or higher	<b>Certified by FDOE (Chapter 1012, F.S.)-Effectively no change from current practice</b>
Mental Health Counselor	One of the following: -Licensed as mental health counselor under Chapter 491, F.S. -Master's degree and provisional license or board registration as an intern and working under the supervision of a licensed mental health counselor -No temporary licenses	<b>Licensed as mental health counselor in accordance with Chapter 491, F.S.</b>
Marriage and Family Therapist	One of following: -Licensed as marriage and family therapist under Chapter 491, F.S -Master's degree and provisional license or board registration as an intern and working under the supervision of a licensed marriage and family therapist -No temporary licenses	<b>Licensed as marriage and family therapist in accordance with Chapter 491, F.S.</b>



# Covered Services-Behavioral

**4.2.1: Description of covered services vastly reduced (Comment: Need confirmation that the reduction in the description is not an elimination of the services that can be reimbursed under the description in the current policy)**

6.2: Requires a plan of care. (Comment: Some behavioral services on the IEP such as consultation and care coordination would not be on the IEP and would not have objectives or goals.)

6.2.1: Documentation for behavioral services rendered by a school counselor must be signed by either a master's level social worker, psychologist, or school psychologist. (Comment: This is a new requirement. All school counselors are master's level, so would them to be considered as service providers that do not require additional signatures on documentation)

## What's next?

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- ❖ Rule development workshop was held in April
- ❖ FDOE will provide additional information to districts as rule development process continues.

## FDOE Products to Assist You

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- ❖ Medicaid Tracking System (MTS 1.0)-paper based fee for service billing
- ❖ Medicaid Tracking System (MTS 2.0)-electronic fee for service billing
- ❖ Electronic Administrative Claiming System (EMACS)-administrative claiming
- ❖ Fully supported by FDOE staff, including training, technical support, day to day assistance