

PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL-BASED ACCESS PROGRAM (SBAP) FACT SHEET

## Speech Language Pathologist Credentialing & Supervision Requirements

There are several avenues to become a Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) to deliver speech services in a Pennsylvania Local Education Agency (LEA), including obtaining one of the following credentials:

- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Certificate of Clinical Competence (ASHA CCC)
- Pennsylvania Department of State (DOS) License from the Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology
- Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) Certificate in Special Education – Speech and Language Impaired

***However, the credential that allows an individual to provide speech and language services to students in an LEA does not necessarily allow the services that provider performs to be billed to the Medical Assistance (MA) Program through SBAP.***

The Pennsylvania School-Based ACCESS Program (SBAP) follows the regulations at [49 Pa. Code § 45](#) and the Pennsylvania Medicaid State Plan to establish the Speech and Language providers that are eligible to bill within the SBAP. Section 3.15 of the [SBAP Handbook](#) provides detailed information regarding Speech and Language providers that are eligible to bill in the MA Program.

An individual who holds one of the credentials listed in the first column of the chart below may bill for SBAP services they have provided, but ***only when all supervision and documentation requirements are met***. Additionally, individuals may only bill for the quarters that they are included on the certified Direct Service Staff Pool list for participation in the Random Moment Time Study. The chart below provides the specific supervisory requirements that must be met when logging and billing services for Speech Language Pathology in the SBAP.

Credential Held	Requires Supervision	Who May Supervise?	Provider Signature Required on Logs	Supervisory Signature Required on Logs
ASHA CCC	No	N/A	Yes	No
PA DOS Licensed SLP	No	N/A	Yes	No
Clinical Fellow	Yes	ASHA CCC	Yes	Yes
PA DOS Licensed SLP Assistant	Yes	PA DOS Licensed SLP	Yes	Yes
PDE-Certification only	Yes	ASHA CCC or PA DOS Licensed SLP	Yes	Yes
PA DOS Provisionally Licensed SLP*	Yes	PA DOS Licensed SLP	Yes	Yes

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**\*Are there special considerations for supervision of a person who holds a provisional license?**

Provisional licensees that have not previously completed the supervision requirement are to practice only under supervision of a supervisor who holds the same type of license as the provisional licensee. If the provisional licensee does not hold a graduate degree, the supervisor must be physically present in the area or unit where the provisional licensee is practicing ([49 Pa. Code § 45.23\(c\)](#)).

**What if the SLP is licensed in another state?**

Out-of-state licenses are not an acceptable credential for SBAP. An individual who holds a valid license in another state may apply for and receive a provisional license in PA that will be valid for a period of 90-days. This allows time for the individual's full PA DOS license to be issued. This individual would require supervision by a DOS licensed SLP until they receive a full DOS license.

**Why do some credentials only allow one type of supervisor?**

Individuals working toward a full credential either through ASHA or through DOS require supervision from someone holding the credential they pursue. Someone completing their Clinical Fellowship toward their ASHA CCC, for example, must be supervised by someone holding their ASHA CCC. Similarly, a PA DOS Licensed SLP Assistant or a PA DOS Provisionally Licensed SLP would require supervision by a PA DOS licensed SLP.

Because PDE-Certification does not work toward a higher credential without supervisory requirements, providers holding this credential may be supervised by either someone holding their ASHA CCC or a PA DOS Licensed SLP.

**Is a Speech Language graduate student eligible to bill in SBAP?**

No. Graduate students are not included in the list of eligible speech language providers for the MA Program and thus their services cannot be billed in SBAP. All eligible provider credentials for Speech and Language Services are currently listed in Section 3.15 of the [SBAP Handbook](#) and in the chart above. Health-related services provided by a graduate student who does not hold a credential listed in the above chart, even when under the supervision of a fully licensed SLP, cannot be billed through the SBAP.

**Can a Speech Language graduate student participate in the delivery of an SBAP service?**

Yes. Graduate students can observe and work alongside a fully licensed or credentialed SLP. However, any portion of a session that is provided by the graduate student would not be billable. For example, a student has a 45-minute individual speech session. The licensed SLP provides the first 30 minutes of the session while the graduate student observes and assists. The licensed SLP then allows the graduate student to lead the exercise with the student in the last 15 minutes of the session while the licensed SLP supervises for support and feedback. The licensed SLP can bill for two 15-minute units for this session, representing the portion of the session in which the credentialed provider was providing the service. The portion of the service that was delivered by the graduate student cannot be billed.