

(RESERVED)

**850. SCHOOL-BASED SERVICE: DEFINITIONS.**

**1. Activities of Daily Living (ADL) for Personal Care Services.** The performance of basic self-care activities in meeting an individual's needs for sustaining him in a daily living environment, including, but not limited to, bathing, washing, dressing, toileting, grooming, eating, communication, continence, mobility, and associated tasks. (7-1-16)

**2. Children's Habilitation Intervention Services.** Children's habilitation intervention services are medically necessary, evidence-based or evidence-informed therapeutic techniques based on applied behavioral analysis principles used to result in positive outcomes. These intervention services are delivered directly to Medicaid eligible participants with identified developmental limitations that impact the participant's functional skills and behaviors across an array of developmental domains. Children's habilitation intervention services include habilitative skill, behavioral intervention, behavioral consultation, crisis intervention, and interdisciplinary training services.

**3. Educational Services.** Services that are provided in buildings, rooms, or areas designated or used as a school or an educational setting, which are provided during the specific hours and time periods in which the educational instruction takes place in the school day and period of time for these students, which are included in the individual educational plan (IEP) for the student. (7-1-16)

**4. Evidence-Based Interventions.** Interventions that have been scientifically researched and reviewed in peer reviewed journals, replicated successfully by multiple independent investigators, have been shown to produce measurable and substantiated beneficial outcomes, and are delivered with fidelity by certified/credentialed individuals trained in the evidence-based model.

**5. Evidence-Informed Interventions.** Interventions that use elements or components of evidence-based techniques and are delivered by a qualified individual but are not certified/credentialed in an evidence-based model.

**6. Human Services Field.** A diverse field that is focused on improving the quality of life for individuals. Areas of academic study include, but are not limited to, sociology, special education, counseling, and psychology, or other areas of academic study as referenced in the Medicaid Provider Handbook

**7. School-Based Services.** School-based services are health-related and rehabilitative services provided by Idaho public school districts and charter schools under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). (7-1-13)

**8. The Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association (PRA).** An association that works to improve and promote the practice and outcomes of psychiatric rehabilitation and recovery. The PRA also maintains a certification program to promote the use of qualified staff to work for individuals with mental illness. <http://www.uspra.org>. (7-1-16)

**9. Practitioner of the Healing Arts.** A physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist who is licensed and approved by the state of Idaho to make such recommendations or referrals for Medicaid services. (7-1-13)

**10. Serious Mental Illness (SMI).** In accordance with 42 CFR 483.102(b)(1), a person with SMI: (3-20-14)

**a.** Currently or at any time during the year, must have had a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder of sufficient duration to meet the diagnostic criteria specified in the DSM-V; and (3-20-14)

**b.** Must have a functional impairment that substantially interferes with or limits one (1) or more major life activities. Functional impairment is defined as difficulties that substantially interfere with or limit role functioning with an individual's basic daily living skills, instrumental living skills, and functioning in social, family, vocational or educational contexts. Instrumental living skills include maintaining a household, managing money, getting around the community, and taking prescribed medication. An adult who met the functional impairment criteria during the past

year without the benefit of treatment or other support services is considered to have a serious mental illness.  
(3-20-14)

**11. Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI).** A participant must meet the criteria for SMI, have at least one (1) additional functional impairment, and have a diagnosis under DSM-V with one (1) of the following: Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, Bipolar I Disorder, Bipolar II Disorder, Major Depressive Disorder Recurrent Severe, Delusional Disorder, or Borderline Personality Disorder. The only Not Otherwise Specified (NOS) diagnosis included is Psychotic Disorder NOS for a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) days without a conclusive diagnosis.  
(3-20-14)

**12. Telehealth.** Telehealth is an electronic real-time synchronized audio-visual contact between a qualified professional and participant for the purpose of treatment. The professional and participant interact as if they were having a face-to-face service. Telehealth services must be delivered in accordance with the Idaho Medicaid Telehealth Policy at <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Providers/Medicaid/TelehealthPolicy.pdf>.

**851. SCHOOL-BASED SERVICE: PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY.**

To be eligible for medical assistance reimbursement for covered services, school districts and charter schools must ensure the student is:  
(7-1-13)

**1. Medicaid Eligible.** Eligible for Medicaid and the service for which the school district or charter school is seeking reimbursement;  
(7-1-13)

**2. School Enrollment.** Enrolled in an Idaho school district or charter school;  
(7-1-13)

**3. Age.** Twenty-one (21) years of age or younger and the semester in which his twenty-first birthday falls is not finished;  
(3-30-07)

**4. Educational Disability.** Identified as having an educational disability under the Department of Education standards in IDAPA 08.02.03, “Rules Governing Thoroughness.”  
(7-1-13)

**5. Parental Consent.** Providers must obtain a one-time parental consent to access public benefits or insurance from a parent or legal guardian for school-based Medicaid reimbursement.  
(7-1-16)

**852. SCHOOL-BASED SERVICE: SERVICE-SPECIFIC PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY.**

Community Based Rehabilitation Services (CBRS). Behavioral Intervention, Behavioral Consultation, and Personal Care Services (PCS) have additional eligibility requirements.  
(7-1-16)

**1. Community Based Rehabilitation Services (CBRS).** To be eligible for CBRS, the student participant must meet one (1) of the following:  
(7-1-16)

**a.** A student who is a child under eighteen (18) years of age must meet the Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) eligibility criteria for children in accordance with the Children’s Mental Health Services Act, Section 16-2403, Idaho Code. A child who meets the criteria for SED must experience a substantial impairment in functioning. The child’s level and type of functional impairment must be documented in the school record. A Department-approved assessment must be used to obtain the child’s initial functional impairment score. Subsequent scores must be obtained at least annually in order to determine the child’s change in functioning that occurs as a result of mental health treatment.  
(7-1-16)

**b.** A student who is eighteen (18) years old or older must meet the criteria of Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI). This requires that a student participant meet the criteria for SMI, as described in 42 CFR 483.102(b)(1), have at least one (1) additional functional impairment, and have a diagnosis under DSM-V, or later edition, with one (1) of the following: Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, Bipolar I Disorder, Bipolar II Disorder, Major Depressive Disorder Recurrent Severe, Delusional Disorder, or Borderline Personality Disorder. The only Not Otherwise Specified (NOS) diagnosis included is Psychotic Disorder NOS for a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) days without a conclusive diagnosis. In addition, the psychiatric disorder must be of sufficient severity to affect the participant’s functional skills negatively, causing a substantial disturbance in role performance or coping skills in at least two (2) of the areas listed below on either a continuous or intermittent basis, at least once per year. The skill areas that are targeted must be consistent with the participant’s ability to engage and benefit from treatment. The detail of the participant’s level and type of functional impairment must be documented in the medical record in

- the following areas: (7-1-16)
- i. Vocational/educational; (3-20-14)
  - ii. Financial; (3-20-14)
  - iii. Social relationships/support; (3-20-14)
  - iv. Family; (3-20-14)
  - v. Basic living skills; (3-20-14)
  - vi. Housing; (3-20-14)
  - vii. Community/legal; or (3-20-14)
  - viii. Health/medical. (3-20-14)

2. **Children’s Habilitation Intervention Services. Behavioral Intervention and Behavioral Consultation.** To be Student’s eligible to receive ~~for~~ ~~habilitative skill~~, behavioral intervention, ~~and~~ behavioral consultation, crisis intervention, and interdisciplinary training services must have a standardized Department-approved assessment to identify functional and/or behavioral needs that interfere with the student’s ability to access an education and require intervention services. ~~the student must:~~ (3-20-14)

~~Meet the criteria for developmental disabilities as identified in Section 66 402(5), Idaho Code, and have documentation to support eligibility using the standards under IDAPA 16.03.10, “Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits,” Section 501-503; and~~ (7-1-16)

a. A functional need is determined when the student exhibits a deficit of one point five (1.5) or more standard deviations below the mean for all functional areas or above the mean for maladaptive behaviors in three (3) or more of the following areas: self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, or economic self-sufficiency.

b. A behavioral need is determined when the student ~~E~~exhibits maladaptive behaviors that include frequent disruptive behaviors, aggression, self-injury, criminal or dangerous behavior evidenced by a score of at least one point five (1.5) standard deviations from the mean in at least two (2) behavior domains and by a rater familiar with the student, or at least two (2) standard deviations from the mean in one (1) composite score that consists of at least three (3) behavior domains by a rater familiar with the student. ~~on a standardized behavioral assessment approved by the Department; and~~ (7-1-16)

~~b. Have maladaptive behaviors that interfere with the student’s ability to access an education.~~ (3-20-14)

3. **Personal Care Services.** To be eligible for personal care services (PCS), the student must have a completed children’s PCS assessment and allocation tool approved by the Department. To determine eligibility for PCS, the assessment results must find the student requires PCS due to a medical condition that impairs the physical or functional abilities of the student. (7-1-16)

**853. SCHOOL-BASED SERVICE: COVERAGE AND LIMITATIONS.**

The Department will pay school districts and charter schools for covered rehabilitative and health-related services. Services include medical or remedial services provided by school districts or other cooperative service agencies, as defined in Section 33-317, Idaho Code. (7-1-13)

1. **Excluded Services.** The following services are excluded from Medicaid payments to school-based programs: (3-30-07)

a. Vocational Services. (3-30-07)

b. Educational Services. Educational services (other than health related services) or education-based

costs normally incurred to operate a school and provide an education. Evaluations completed for educational services only cannot be billed. (3-30-07)

c. Recreational Services. (3-30-07)

d. Payment for school-related services will not be provided to students who are inpatients in nursing homes or hospitals. (7-1-16)

**2. Evaluation And Diagnostic Services.** Evaluations to determine eligibility or the need for health-related services may be reimbursed even if the student is not found eligible for health-related services. Evaluations completed for educational services only cannot be billed. Evaluations completed must: (3-30-07)

a. Be recommended or referred by a physician or other practitioner of the healing arts. A school district or charter school may not seek reimbursement for services provided more than thirty (30) days prior to the signed and dated recommendation or referral; (3-28-18)

b. Be conducted by qualified professionals for the respective discipline as defined in Section 855 of these rules; (3-20-14)

c. Be directed toward a diagnosis; (7-1-16)

d. Include recommended interventions to address each need; and (7-1-16)

e. Include name, title, and signature of the person conducting the evaluation. (7-1-16)

**3. Reimbursable Services.** School districts and charter schools can bill for the following health-related services provided to eligible students when the services are provided under the recommendation of a physician or other practitioner of the healing arts for the Medicaid services for which the school district or charter school is seeking reimbursement. A school district or charter school may not seek reimbursement for services provided more than thirty (30) days prior to the signed and dated recommendation or referral. The recommendations or referrals are valid up to three hundred sixty-five (365) days. (3-28-18)

a. Behavioral Intervention. Behavioral Intervention is a **direct intervention** used to promote **positive meaningful changes in behavior that incorporate functional replacement behaviors and reinforcement-based strategies while also addressing any identified habilitative skill needs** and the student's ability to participate in educational services, as defined in Section 850 of these rules, through a consistent, assertive, and continuous intervention process to address behavior goals identified on the IEP. ~~It~~ Behavioral intervention includes the development of replacement behaviors by conducting a functional behavior assessment and behavior implementation plan with the purpose of preventing or treating behavioral conditions. **This service is provided** to students who exhibit maladaptive behaviors. Services include individual or group behavioral interventions. (7-1-16)

i. Group services must be provided by one (1) qualified staff providing direct services for **two (2) or a maximum of** three (3) students. (7-1-16)

ii. As the number and severity of the students with behavioral issues increases, the staff-to-student ratio must be adjusted accordingly. (7-1-16)

iii. Group services should only be delivered when the ~~child~~ student's goals relate to benefiting from group interaction. (7-1-13)

b. Behavioral Consultation. Behavioral consultation assists other service professionals by consulting with the IEP team during the assessment process, performing advanced assessment, coordinating the implementation of the behavior implementation plan and providing ongoing training to the behavioral interventionist and other team members. (7-1-13)

i. Behavioral consultation cannot be provided as a direct intervention service. (7-1-13)

ii. Behavioral consultation must be limited to thirty-six (36) hours per student per year. (7-1-13)

c. **Crisis Intervention. Crisis intervention services may include providing training to staff directly**

involved with the individual; delivering emergency backup intervention directly with the eligible student; and developing a crisis plan that directly addresses the behavior occurring and the necessary intervention strategies to minimize the behavior and future occurrences. This service is defined as an unanticipated event, circumstance, or life situation that places an individual at risk of at least one of the following:

- i. Hospitalization;
- ii. Risk of out of home placement;
- iii. Incarceration; or
- iv. Physical harm to self or others, including a family altercation or psychiatric relapse.

**d. Habilitative Skill.** Habilitative Skill is a direct intervention service that includes techniques used to develop, improve and maintain, to the maximum extent possible, the developmentally appropriate functional abilities and daily living skills needed by an individual. This service may include teaching and coordinating methods of training with family members or others who regularly participate in caring for the eligible individual. Services include individual or group interventions.

- i. Group services must be provided by one (1) qualified staff providing direct services for two (2) or three (3) students.
- ii. As the number and needs of the individuals increase, the staff-to-student ratio must be adjusted accordingly.
- iii. Group services should only be delivered when the student's goals relate to benefiting from group interaction.

**e. Interdisciplinary Training.** Interdisciplinary training is a companion service to behavioral intervention and habilitative skill and is used to assist with implementing an individual's health and medication monitoring, positioning and physical transferring, use of assistive equipment, and intervention techniques in a manner that meets the individual's needs. This service is intended to be utilized for collaboration, with the individual present, during the provision of services between the intervention specialist or professional and a Speech Language and Hearing Professional (SLP), Physical Therapist (PT), Occupational Therapist (OT), school professional, medical professional, or behavioral health professional.

**f. Medical Equipment and Supplies.** Medical equipment and supplies that are covered by Medicaid must be medically necessary, ordered by a physician, and prior authorized. Authorized items must be for use at the school where the service is provided. Equipment that is too large or unsanitary to transport from home to school and back may be covered, if prior authorized. The equipment and supplies must be for the student's exclusive use and must be transferred with the student if the student changes schools. All equipment purchased by Medicaid belongs to the student. (7-1-16)

**g. Nursing Services.** Skilled nursing services must be provided by a licensed nurse, within the scope of his or her practice. Emergency, first aid, or non-routine medications not identified on the plan as a health-related service are not reimbursed. (7-1-16)

**h. Occupational Therapy and Evaluation.** Occupational therapy and evaluation services for vocational assessment, training or vocational rehabilitation are not reimbursed. (3-30-07)

**i. Personal Care Services.** School based personal care services include medically oriented tasks having to do with the student's physical or functional requirements. Personal care services do not require a goal on the plan of service. The provider must deliver at least one (1) of the following services: (7-1-16)

- i. Basic personal care and grooming to include bathing, care of the hair, assistance with clothing, and basic skin care; (7-1-13)
- ii. Assistance with bladder or bowel requirements that may include helping the student to and from the bathroom or assisting the student with bathroom routines; (7-1-16)

- iii. Assistance with food, nutrition, and diet activities including preparation of meals if incidental to medical need; (7-1-13)
- iv. Assisting the student with physician-ordered medications that are ordinarily self-administered, in accordance with IDAPA 23.01.01, “Rules of the Idaho Board of Nursing,” Subsection 490.05; (7-1-13)
- v. Non-nasogastric gastrostomy tube feedings, if the task is not complex and can be safely performed in the given student care situation, and the requirements are met in accordance with IDAPA 16.03.10, “Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits,” Subsection 303.01. (7-1-13)
- j. Physical Therapy and Evaluation. (3-30-07)
- k. Psychological Evaluation. (3-30-07)
- l. Psychotherapy. (3-30-07)
- m. Community Based Rehabilitation Services (CBRS) Services and Evaluation. Community Based Rehabilitation Services and evaluation services that are interventions to reduce the student’s disability by assisting in gaining and utilizing skills necessary to participate in school. Training in behavior control, social skills, communication skills, appropriate interpersonal behavior, symptom management, activities of daily living, and coping skills are types of interventions that may be reimbursed. This service is to prevent placement of the student into a more restrictive educational situation. (7-1-16)
- n. Speech/Audiological Therapy and Evaluation. (3-30-07)
- o. Social History and Evaluation. (3-30-07)
- p. Transportation Services. School districts and charter schools can receive reimbursement for mileage for transporting a student to and from home and school when: (7-1-16)
  - i. The student requires special transportation assistance, a wheelchair lift, an attendant, or both, when medically necessary for the health and safety of the student; (3-28-18)
  - ii. The transportation occurs in a vehicle specifically adapted to meet the needs of a student with a disability; (3-30-07)
  - iii. The student requires and receives another Medicaid reimbursable service billed by the school- based services provider, other than transportation, on the day that transportation is being provided; (3-30-07)
  - iv. Both the Medicaid-covered service and the need for the special transportation are included on the student's plan; and (3-30-07)
  - v. The mileage, as well as the services performed by the attendant, are documented. See Section 855 of these rules for documentation requirements. (3-20-14)
- q. Interpretive Services. Interpretive services needed by a student who is deaf or does not adequately speak or understand English and requires an interpreter to communicate with the professional or paraprofessional providing the student with a health-related service may be billed with the following limitations: (7-1-13)
  - i. Payment for interpretive services is limited to the specific time that the student is receiving the health-related service; documentation for interpretive service must include the Medicaid reimbursable health-related service being provided while the interpretive service is provided. (7-1-16)
  - ii. Both the Medicaid-covered service and the need for interpretive services must be included on the student's plan; and (3-30-07)
  - iii. Interpretive services are not covered if the professional or paraprofessional providing services is able to communicate in the student's primary language. (3-30-07)

**854. SCHOOL-BASED SERVICE: PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS.**

The following documentation must be maintained by the provider and retained for a period of five (5) years: (7-1-16)

**1. Individualized Education Program (IEP) and Other Service Plans.** School districts and charter schools may bill for Medicaid services covered by a current Individualized Education Program (IEP), transitional Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), or Services Plan (SP) defined in the [Idaho Special Education Manual](#) on the State Department of Education website for parentally placed private school students with disabilities when designated funds are available for special education and related services. The plan must be developed within the previous three hundred sixty-five (365) days which indicates the need for one (1) or more medically-necessary health-related service, and lists all the Medicaid reimbursable services for which the school district or charter school is requesting reimbursement. The IEP and transitional IFSP must include: (7-1-16)

- a. Type, frequency, and duration of the service(s) provided; (7-1-13)
- b. Title of the provider(s), including the direct care staff delivering services under the supervision of the professional; (7-1-13)
- c. Measurable goals, when goals are required for the service; and (7-1-13)
- d. Specific place of service, if provided in a location other than school. (7-1-16)

**2. Evaluations and Assessments.** Evaluations and assessments must support services billed to Medicaid, and must accurately reflect the student’s current status. Evaluations and assessments must be completed at least every (3) years. (7-1-13)

**03. Service Detail Reports.** A service detail report that includes: (7-1-13)

- a. Name of student; (7-1-13)
- b. Name, title, and signature of the person providing the service; (7-1-16)
- c. Date, time, and duration of service; (7-1-13)
- d. Place of service, if provided in a location other than school; (7-1-13)
- e. Category of service and brief description of the specific areas addressed; and (7-1-13)
- f. Student’s response to the service when required for the service. (7-1-13)

**04. One Hundred Twenty Day Review.** A documented review of progress toward each service plan goal completed at least every one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of the annual plan. (7-1-13)

**05. Documentation of Qualifications of Providers.** (7-1-13)

**06. Copies of Required Referrals and Recommendations.** Copies of required referrals and recommendations. (7-1-13)

a. School-based services must be recommended or referred by a physician or other practitioner of the healing arts for all Medicaid services for which the school district or charter school is receiving reimbursement. (7-1-13)

b. A recommendation or referral must be obtained within thirty (30) days of the provision of services for which the school district or charter school is seeking reimbursement. Therapy requirements for the physician’s order are identified in Section 733 of these rules. (3-28-18)

c. A recommendation or referral must be obtained for the service at least every three hundred sixty-five (365) days. (7-1-16)

**07. Parental Notification.** School districts and charter schools must document that parents were notified of the health-related services and equipment for which they will bill Medicaid. Notification must comply with the requirements in Subsection 854.08 of this rule. (3-20-14)

**08. Requirements for Cooperation with and Notification of Parents and Agencies.** Each school district or charter school billing for Medicaid services must act in cooperation with students' parent or guardian, and with community and state agencies and professionals who provide like Medicaid services to the student. (7-1-16)

**a.** Notification of Parents. For all students who are receiving Medicaid reimbursed services, school districts and charter schools must document that parents are notified of the Medicaid services and equipment for which they will bill Medicaid. Notification must describe the service(s), service provider(s), and state the type, location, frequency, and duration of the service(s). The school district must document that they provided the student's parent or guardian with a current copy of the child's plan and any pertinent addenda; and (7-1-16)

**b.** Primary Care Physician (PCP). School districts and charter schools must request the name of the student's primary care physician and request a written consent to release and obtain information between the PCP and the school from the parent or guardian. (7-1-16)

**c.** Other Community and State Agencies. Upon receiving a request for a copy of the evaluations or the current plan, the school district or charter school must furnish the requesting agency or professional with a copy of the plan or appropriate evaluation after obtaining consent for release of information from the student's parent or guardian. (7-1-13)

**855. SCHOOL-BASED SERVICE: PROVIDER QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES.**

Medicaid will only reimburse for services provided by qualified staff. The following are the minimum qualifications for providers of covered services: (7-1-13)

**1. Behavioral Intervention.** Behavioral intervention must be provided by or under the supervision of an **intervention specialist/professional**. **Individuals providing behavioral intervention must be one of the following:** (~~7-1-13~~)

**a. Intervention Paraprofessional.** Intervention paraprofessionals must be under the supervision of an **intervention specialist/professional**. The specialist/professional must observe and review the direct services performed by the paraprofessional on a monthly basis, or more often as necessary, to ensure the paraprofessional demonstrates the necessary skills to correctly provide the direct service. An intervention paraprofessional under the direction of a qualified intervention specialist/professional, must:

- i.** Be at least eighteen (18) years of age; and
- ii.** Demonstrate the knowledge, have the skills needed to support the program to which they are assigned; and
- iii.** Meet the paraprofessional requirements as defined in IDAPA 08.02.02, "Rules Governing Uniformity."

**b. Intervention Specialist.** Intervention specialists who will complete assessments must have documented training and experience in completing assessments and designing and implementing comprehensive therapies for individual's with functional and/or behavioral needs. The qualifications for this provider type can be met by one of the following:

- i.** An individual who holds an Idaho Standard Instructional Certificate who meets qualifications for an endorsement specific to special education as defined in IDAPA 08.02.02, "Rules Governing Uniformity," Sections 021-024; or
- ii.** An individual who holds their Habilitative Intervention Certificate of Completion (HI COC) in Idaho prior to July 1, 2019 and does not have a gap of more than 3 years of employment as an Intervention Specialist, or
- iii.** An individual who holds a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in a human services field or a has a bachelor's degree and a minimum of 25 semester credits in a human services field, can demonstrate 1,040 (one thousand forty) hours of supervised experience working with children who demonstrate functional or behavioral needs, and meets the competency requirements by completing one of the following:

- (1) A Department approved competency checklist referenced in the Medicaid Provider Handbook; or
- (2) A Registered Behavior Technician Training; or
- (3) Other Department approved competencies as defined in the Medicaid Provider Handbook.

**c. Intervention Professional.** Intervention professionals who will complete assessments must have documented training and experience in completing assessments and designing and implementing comprehensive therapies for individual's with functional and/or behavioral needs. The qualifications for this provider type can be met by one of the following:

- i. An individual who qualified as a Therapeutic Consultant in Idaho prior to July 1, 2019 and does not have a gap of more than 3 years of employment as an Intervention Professional, or
- ii. An individual who holds a master's degree or higher from an accredited institution in a human services field, can demonstrate 1,200 (one thousand, two hundred) hours of supervised experience working with children with functional and/or behavioral needs, and can demonstrate 1,500 (one thousand five hundred) hours of relevant coursework or training, or both, in principles of child development, learning theory, positive behavior support techniques, dual diagnosis, or behavior analysis which may be documented within the individual's master's degree program or other coursework and/or training.

**d. Evidence-Based Model (EBM) Intervention Paraprofessional.** EBM intervention paraprofessionals must be supervised in accordance with the evidence-based model in which they are certified/credentialed. The EBM intervention specialist/professional must observe and review the direct services performed by the paraprofessional to ensure the paraprofessional demonstrates the necessary skills to correctly provide the direct service. An EBM paraprofessional supervised in accordance with the evidence-based model, must:

- i. Hold a high school diploma; and
- ii. Hold a para-level certification/credential in an evidence-based model approved by the Department.

**e. Evidence-Based Model (EBM) Intervention Specialist.** EBM intervention specialists must be supervised in accordance with the evidence-based model in which they are certified/credentialed. The EBM intervention specialist/professional must observe and review the direct services performed by the specialist to ensure the specialist demonstrates the necessary skills to correctly provide the direct service. The specialist may also supervise the EBM intervention paraprofessional working within the same evidence-based model. An EBM intervention specialist being supervised in accordance with the evidence-based model or supervising an EBM intervention paraprofessional, must:

- i. Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in accordance with their certification/credentialing requirements; and
- ii. Hold a certification/credential in an evidence-based model approved by the Department.

**f. Evidence-Based Model (EBM) Intervention Professional.** EBM intervention professionals may supervise EBM intervention paraprofessionals/specialists working within the same evidence-based model in which they are certified/credentialed. An EBM intervention professional, must:

- i. Hold a master's degree or higher from an accredited institution in accordance with their certification/credentialing requirements; and
- ii. Hold a certification/credential in an evidence-based model approved by the Department.

~~g. A behavioral intervention professional must meet the following: (7-1-13)~~

~~i. An individual with an Exceptional Child Certificate who meets the qualifications defined under IDAPA 08.02.02, "Rules Governing Uniformity," Section 028; or (7-1-13)~~

who meets the qualifications defined under IDAPA 08.02.02, "Rules Governing Uniformity," Section 019; or (7-1-13)

~~iii. A Special Education Consulting Teacher who meets the qualifications defined under IDAPA 08.02.02, "Rules Governing Uniformity," Section 029; or (7-1-13)~~

~~iv. Habilitative intervention professional who meets the requirements defined in IDAPA 16.03.10 "Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits," Section 685; or (7-1-13)~~

~~v. Individuals employed by a school as certified Intensive Behavioral Intervention (IBI) professionals prior to July 1, 2013, are qualified to provide behavioral intervention; and (7-1-13)~~

~~vi. Must be able to provide documentation of one (1) year's supervised experience working with children with developmental disabilities. This can be achieved by previous work experience gained through paid employment, university practicum experience, or internship. It can also be achieved by increased on the job supervision experience gained during employment at a school district or charter school. (7-1-13)~~

~~h. A paraprofessional under the direction of a qualified behavioral intervention professional, must meet the following: (7-1-13)~~

~~i. Must be at least eighteen (18) years of age; (7-1-13)~~

~~ii. Demonstrate the knowledge, have the skills needed to support the program to which they are assigned; and (7-1-16)~~

~~iii. Must meet the paraprofessional requirements under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, Title I, Part A, Section 1119. (7-1-13)~~

~~i. A paraprofessional delivering behavioral intervention services must be under the supervision of a behavioral intervention professional or behavioral consultation provider. The professional must observe and review the direct services performed by the paraprofessional on a monthly basis, or more often as necessary, to ensure the paraprofessional demonstrates the necessary skills to correctly provide the behavioral intervention service. (7-1-13)~~

**2. Behavioral Consultation.** Behavioral consultation must be provided by a professional who has a Doctoral or Master's degree in psychology, education, applied behavioral analysis, or has a related discipline with one thousand five hundred (1500) hours of relevant coursework or training, or both, in principles of child development, learning theory, positive behavior support techniques, dual diagnosis, or behavior analysis (may be included as part of degree program); and who meets one (1) of the following: (7-1-13)

**a. An individual who holds an Idaho Standard Instructional Certificate who meets qualifications for an endorsement specific to special education as defined in IDAPA 08.02.02, "Rules Governing Uniformity," Sections 021-024; or**

**b. An individual with a Pupil Personnel Certificate who meets the qualifications defined under IDAPA 08.02.02, "Rules Governing Uniformity," excluding a licensed registered nurse or audiologist; or**

**c. An occupational therapist who is qualified and registered to practice in Idaho; or**

**d. An Intervention Professional, as defined in Section 855.01 of these rules; or**

**e. An Evidence-Based Model (EBM) Intervention Professional, as defined in Section 855.01 of these rules.**

~~f. An individual with an Exceptional Child Certificate who meets the qualifications defined under IDAPA 08.02.02, "Rules Governing Uniformity," Section 028. (7-1-13)~~

~~g. An individual with an Early Childhood/Early Childhood Special Education Blended Certificate who meets the qualifications defined under IDAPA 08.02.02, "Rules Governing Uniformity," Section 019. (7-1-13)~~

~~h. A Special Education Consulting Teacher who meets the qualifications defined under IDAPA 08.02.02, "Rules Governing Uniformity" Section 029. (7-1-13)~~

IDAPA 08.02.02, "Rules Governing Uniformity," Section 027, excluding a licensed registered nurse or audiologist. (7-1-13)

~~j. An occupational therapist who is qualified and registered to practice in Idaho. (7-1-13)~~

~~k. Therapeutic consultation professional who meets the requirements defined in IDAPA 16.03.10, "Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits," Section 685. (7-1-13)~~

3. **Crisis Intervention.** Crisis intervention must be provided by or under the supervision of a professional. Individuals providing crisis intervention must be one of the following:

- a. An Intervention Paraprofessional, as defined in Section 855.01 of these rules; or
- b. An Intervention Specialist, as defined in Section 855.01 of these rules; or
- c. An Intervention Professional, as defined in Section 855.01 of these rules; or
- d. An Evidence-Based Model (EBM) Intervention Paraprofessional, as defined in Section 855.01 of these rules; or
- e. An Evidence-Based Model (EBM) Intervention Specialist, as defined in Section 855.01 of these rules; or
- f. An Evidence-Based Model (EBM) Intervention Professional, as defined in Section 855.01 of these rules; or
- g. A Licensed physician, licensed practitioner of the healing arts; or
- h. An advanced practice registered nurse; or
- i. A licensed psychologist; or
- j. A licensed clinical professional counselor or professional counselor; or
- k. A licensed marriage and family therapist; or
- l. A licensed masters social worker, licensed clinical social worker, or licensed social worker; or
- m. A psychologist extender registered with the Bureau of Occupational Licenses; or
- n. A licensed registered nurse (RN); or
- o. A licensed occupational therapist; or
- p. An endorsed or certified school psychologist.

4. **Habilitative Skill.** Habilitative skill must be provided by or under the supervision of an intervention specialist/professional. Individuals providing habilitative skill must be one (1) of the following:

a. **Habilitative Skill Technician.** Habilitative skill technician is a provisional position intended to allow an individual to gain the necessary degree and/or experience needed to qualify as an intervention specialist. Provisional status is limited to eighteen (18) months. Habilitative skill technicians must be under the supervision of an intervention specialist/professional. The specialist/professional must observe and review the direct services performed by the paraprofessional on a monthly basis, or more often as necessary, to ensure the technician demonstrates the necessary skills to correctly provide the direct service. An intervention paraprofessional under the direction of a qualified intervention specialist/professional, must

- i. Be within 15 semester credits or equivalent to complete their bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in a human services field; or

- b. An Intervention Paraprofessional, as defined in Section 855.01 of these rules; or
  - c. An Intervention Specialist, as defined in Section 855.01 of these rules; or
  - d. An Intervention Professional, as defined in Section 855.01 of these rules; or
  - e. An Evidence-Based Model (EBM) Intervention Paraprofessional, as defined in Section 855.01 of these rules; or
  - f. An Evidence-Based Model (EBM) Intervention Specialist, as defined in Section 855.01 of these rules; or
  - g. An Evidence-Based Model (EBM) Intervention Professional, as defined in Section 855.01 of these rules; or
5. **Medical Equipment and Supplies.** See Subsection 853.03 of these rules. (3-20-14)
6. **Nursing Services.** Nursing services must be provided by a licensed registered nurse (RN) or by a licensed practical nurse (LPN) licensed to practice in Idaho. (7-1-13)
7. **Occupational Therapy and Evaluation.** For therapy-specific rules, refer to Sections 730 through 739 of these rules. (7-1-16)
8. **Personal Care Services.** Personal care services must be provided by or under the direction of a registered nurse licensed by the State of Idaho. (7-1-13)
- a. Providers of PCS must have at least one (1) of the following qualifications: (7-1-13)
    - i. Licensed Registered Nurse (RN). A person currently licensed by the Idaho State Board of Nursing as a licensed registered nurse; (7-1-13)
    - ii. Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). A person currently licensed by the Idaho State Board of Nursing as a licensed practical nurse; (7-1-16)
    - iii. Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). A person currently certified by the State of Idaho; or (7-1-16)
    - iv. Personal Assistant. A person who meets the standards of Section 39-5603, Idaho Code, and receives training to ensure the quality of services and meets the paraprofessional requirements under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, Title I, Part A, Section 1119. The assistant must be at least age eighteen (18) years of age. Medically-oriented services may be delegated to an aide in accordance with IDAPA 23.01.01, "Rules of the Idaho Board of Nursing." The licensed registered nurse may require a CNA if, in their professional judgment, the student's medical condition warrants a CNA. (7-1-16)
  - b. The licensed registered nurse (RN) must review or complete, or both, the PCS assessment and develop or review, or both, the written plan of care annually. Oversight provided by the RN must include all of the following: (7-1-16)
    - i. Development of the written PCS plan of care; (7-1-13)
    - ii. Review of the treatment given by the personal assistant through a review of the student's PCS service detail reports as maintained by the provider; and (7-1-16)
    - iii. Reevaluation of the plan of care as necessary, but at least annually. (7-1-13)
  - c. The RN must conduct supervisory visits on a quarterly basis, or more frequently as determined by the IEP team and defined as part of the PCS plan of care. (7-1-16)
9. **Physical Therapy and Evaluation.** For therapy-specific rules, refer to Sections 730 through 739 of these rules. (7-1-16)

- a. Licensed psychiatrist; (7-1-13)
- b. Licensed physician; (7-1-13)
- c. Licensed psychologist; (7-1-13)
- d. Psychologist extender registered with the Bureau of Occupational Licenses; or (7-1-13)
- e. Endorsed or certified school psychologist. (7-1-16)

**09. Psychotherapy.** Provision of psychotherapy services must have, at a minimum, one (1) or more of the following credentials: (7-1-13)

- a. Psychiatrist, M.D.; (7-1-13)
- b. Physician, M.D.; (7-1-13)
- c. Licensed psychologist; (7-1-13)
- d. Licensed clinical social worker; (7-1-13)
- e. Licensed clinical professional counselor; (7-1-13)
- f. Licensed marriage and family therapist; (7-1-13)
- g. Certified psychiatric nurse (R.N.), as described in Subsection 707.13 of these rules; (7-1-13)
- h. Licensed professional counselor whose provision of psychotherapy is supervised in compliance with IDAPA 24.15.01, "Rules of the Idaho Licensing Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists"; (7-1-13)
- i. Licensed masters social worker whose provision of psychotherapy is supervised as described in IDAPA 24.14.01, "Rules of the State Board of Social Work Examiners"; (7-1-13)
- j. Licensed associate marriage and family therapist whose provision of psychotherapy is supervised as described in IDAPA 24.15.01, "Rules of the Idaho Licensing Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists"; or (7-1-13)
- k. Psychologist extender, registered with the Bureau of Occupational Licenses, whose provision of diagnostic services is supervised in compliance with IDAPA 24.12.01, "Rules of the Idaho State Board of Psychologist Examiners." (7-1-13)

**10. Community Based Rehabilitation Services (CBRS).** CBRS providers must be one of the following: (7-1-16)

- a. Licensed physician, licensed practitioner of the healing arts; (7-1-16)
- b. Advanced practice registered nurse; (7-1-16)
- c. Licensed psychologist; (7-1-13)
- d. Licensed clinical professional counselor or professional counselor; (7-1-13)
- e. Licensed marriage and family therapist; (7-1-16)
- f. Licensed masters social worker, licensed clinical social worker, or licensed social worker; (7-1-13)
- g. Psychologist extender registered with the Bureau of Occupational Licenses; (7-1-13)
- h. Licensed registered nurse (RN); (7-1-13)
- i. Licensed occupational therapist; (7-1-13)

- j. Endorsed or certified school psychologist; (7-1-16)
- k. Community Based Rehabilitation Services specialist. ACBRS specialist is: (7-1-16)
  - i. An individual who has a Bachelor's degree and holds a current PRA credential; or (3-20-14)
    - ii. An individual who has a Bachelor's degree or higher and was hired on or after November 1, 2010, to work as a CBRS specialist to deliver Medicaid-reimbursable mental health services. This individual may continue to do so for a period not to exceed thirty (30) months from the initial date of hire. The individual must show documentation that they are working towards this certification. In order to continue as a CBRS specialist beyond a total period of thirty (30) months from the date of hire, the worker must have completed a certificate program or earned a certification in psychiatric rehabilitation based upon the primary population with whom he works in accordance with the requirements set by the PRA. (7-1-16)
    - iii. Credential required for CBRS specialists. (7-1-16)
      - (1) Applicants who intend to work primarily with adults, age eighteen (18) or older, must become a Certified Psychiatric Rehabilitation Practitioner in accordance with the PRA requirements. (3-20-14)
        - (a) Applicants must be under the supervision of a licensed behavioral health professional, a physician, nurse, or a endorsed/certified school psychologist. The supervising practitioner is required to have regular one-to-one (1:1) supervision to review treatment provided to student participants on an ongoing basis. The frequency of the 1:1 supervision must occur at least on a monthly basis. (7-1-16)
        - (b) CBRS supervision can be conducted using telehealth when it is equally effective as direct on-site supervision. (7-1-16)
      - (2) Applicants who work primarily with adults, but also intend to work with participants under the age of eighteen (18), must have training addressing children's developmental milestones, or have evidence of classroom hours in equivalent courses. The worker's supervisor must determine the scope and amount of training the worker needs in order to work competently with children assigned to the worker's caseload. (3-20-14)
        - (a) Applicants must be under the supervision of a licensed behavioral health professional staff, a physician, nurse, or a endorsed/certified school psychologist. The supervising practitioner is required to have regular one-to-one (1:1) supervision to review treatment provided to student participants on an ongoing basis. The frequency of the 1:1 supervision must occur at least on a monthly basis. (7-1-16)
        - (b) CBRS supervision can be conducted using telehealth when it is equally effective as direct on-site supervision. (7-1-16)
- (3) Applicants who intend to work primarily with children under the age of eighteen (18) must obtain a certificate in children's psychiatric rehabilitation in accordance with the PRA requirements. (3-20-14)
  - (4) Applicants who primarily work with children, but who also intend to work with participants eighteen (18) years of age or older, must have training or have evidence of classroom hours addressing adult issues in psychiatric rehabilitation. The worker's supervisor must determine the scope and amount of training the worker needs in order to competently work with adults assigned to the worker's caseload. (3-20-14)

**11. Speech/Audiological Therapy and Evaluation.** For therapy-specific rules, refer to Sections 730 through 739 of these rules. (7-1-16)

**12. Social History and Evaluation.** Social history and evaluation must be provided by a licensed registered nurse (RN), psychologist, M.D, school psychologist, certified school social worker, or by a person who is licensed and qualified to provide social work in the state of Idaho. (7-1-13)

**13. Transportation.** Transportation must be provided by an individual who has a current Idaho driver's license and is covered under vehicle liability insurance that covers passengers for business use. (7-1-13)

**14. Therapy Paraprofessionals.** The schools may use paraprofessionals to provide occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech therapy if they are under the supervision of the appropriate professional. The services provided by paraprofessionals must be delegated and supervised by a professional therapist as defined by the appropriate licensure and certification rules. The portions of the treatment plan that can be delegated to the paraprofessional must be identified in the IEP or transitional IFSP. (7-1-16)

a. Occupational Therapy (OT). Refer to IDAPA 24.06.01, "Rules for the Licensure of Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants," for qualifications, supervision, and service requirements. (7-1-16)

b. Physical Therapy (PT). Refer to IDAPA 24.13.01, "Rules Governing the Physical Therapy Licensure Board," for qualifications, supervision and service requirements. (7-1-16)

c. Speech-Language Pathology (SLP). Refer to IDAPA 24.23.01, "Rule of the Speech and Hearing Services Licensure Board," and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) guidelines for qualifications, supervision and service requirements for speech-language pathology. The guidelines have been incorporated by reference in Section 004 of these rules. (7-1-16)

i. Supervision must be provided by an SLP professional as defined in Section 734 of this chapter of rules. (7-1-16)

ii. The professional must observe and review the direct services performed by the paraprofessional on a monthly basis, or more often as necessary, to ensure the paraprofessional demonstrates the necessary skills to correctly provide the SLP service. (7-1-16)

**856. SCHOOL-BASED SERVICE: PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT.**

Payment for health-related services provided by school districts and charter schools must be in accordance with rates established by the Department. (7-1-13)

1. **Payment in Full.** Providers of services must accept as payment in full the school district or charter school payment for such services and must not bill Medicaid or Medicaid participants for any portion of any charges. (7-1-13)

2. **Third Party.** For requirements regarding third party billing, see Section 215 of these rules. (3-30-07)

3. **Recoupment of Federal Share.** Failure to provide services for which reimbursement has been received or to comply with these rules will be cause for recoupment of the Federal share of payments for services, sanctions, or both. (3-30-07)

4. **Matching Funds.** Federal funds cannot be used as the State's portion of match for Medicaid service reimbursement. School districts and charter schools must, for their own internal record keeping, calculate and document the non-federal funds (maintenance of effort assurance) that have been designated as their certified match. This documentation needs to include the source of all funds that have been submitted to the State and the original source of those dollars. The appropriate matching funds will be handled in the following manner: (3-30-07)

a. Schools will estimate the amount needed to meet match requirements based on their anticipated monthly billings. (3-30-07)

b. School districts and charter schools will send the Department the matching funds, either by check or automated clearing house (ACH) electronic funds transfers. (3-30-07)

c. The Department will hold matching funds in an interest bearing trust account. The average daily balance during a month must exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) in order to receive interest for that month. (3-30-07)

d. The payments to the districts will include both the federal and non-federal share (matching funds). (3-30-07)

e. Matching fund payments must be received and posted in advance of the weekly Medicaid payment cycle. (3-30-07)

f. If sufficient matching funds are not received in advance, all Medicaid payments to the school district will be suspended and the school district will be notified of the shortage. Once sufficient matching funds are received, suspended payments will be processed and reimbursement will be made during the next payment cycle.

**g.** The Department will provide the school districts a monthly statement which will show the matching amounts received, interest earned, total claims paid, the matching funds used for the paid claims, and the balance of their funds in the trust account. (3-30-07)

**h.** The school districts will estimate the amount of their next billing and the amount of matching funds needed to pay the Department. (3-30-07)

**i.** The estimated match requirement may be adjusted up or down based on the remaining balance held in the trust account. (3-30-07)

**857. SCHOOL-BASED SERVICE: QUALITY ASSURANCE AND IMPROVEMENT.**

The provider will grant the Department immediate access to all information required to review compliance with these rules. (7-1-16)

**1. Quality Assurance.** Quality Assurance consists of reviews to assure compliance with the Department's rules and regulations. If problems are identified during the review, the provider must implement a corrective action plan within forty-five (45) days after the results are received. The Department will work with the school to answer questions and provide clear direction regarding the corrective action plan. (7-1-16)

**2. Quality Improvement.** The Department may gather and utilize information from providers to evaluate student satisfaction, outcomes monitoring, quality assurance, quality improvement activities, and health and safety. These findings may lead to quality improvement activities to improve provider processes and outcomes for the students. (7-1-16)

**858. -- 859. (RESERVED)**