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**Participant Pool 1 Time Survey Participant (TSP) Equivalency Request Form
 Practitioner Qualifications Reference Sheet**

LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program Rendering Practitioner Qualifications

Approved Job Classification Title	Rendering Practitioner Qualifications
Registered Credentialed School Nurse	Registered credentialed school nurses must be licensed to practice by the California Board of Registered Nursing. Qualified practitioners must have a school nurse services credential or a valid credential issued prior to the operative date of Section 25 of Chapter 557 of the Statutes of 1990. . (Business and Professions [B&P] Code, Section 2701 and Education Code, Sections 49422(a), 49426 and 44877)
Licensed Registered Nurse	Registered nurses must be licensed to practice by the California Board of Registered Nursing. (CCR, Title 22, Section 51067)
Certified Public Health Nurse	Certified public health nurses must be licensed and certified as public health nurses by the California Board of Registered Nursing. (CCR, Title 16, Section 1491)
Certified Nurse Practitioner	Certified nurse practitioners must be licensed and certified to practice as nurse practitioners by the California Board of Registered Nursing (CCR, Title 22, Section 51170.3)
Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)	LVNs must be licensed to practice by the California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians. LVNs providing specialized physical health care must practice under the direction of a licensed physician, registered credentialed school nurse or certified public health nurse. (Education Code, Section 49423.5 and B&P Code, Section 2841)
Trained Health Care Aide (THCA)	THCAs are unlicensed practitioners that may render Activities of Daily Living (ADL) assistance services and specialized physical healthcare services, if supervised by a licensed physician, a registered credentialed school nurse or a certified public health nurse. Trained health care aides rendering specialized physical health care services, as specified in California Education Code, Section 49423.5, must be trained in the administration of such services. (CCR, Title 5, Section 3051.12; Education Code, Sections 56363 and 49423.5(d); Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34, Section 300.107)
Licensed Physician	Physicians must be licensed to practice by the Medical Board of California or the Osteopathic Medical Board of California. Physicians employed on a half-time or greater than half-time basis must have a health services credential or a valid credential issued prior to November 23, 1970. (Education Code, Section 44873)

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Licensed Physician Assistant (PA)	PAs must be licensed to practice by the California Physician Assistant Board and must practice under a valid written Delegation of Services Agreement, working under the direction of a licensed physician. (B&P Code, Section 3502; CCR, Title 16, Section 1399.540)
Licensed Optometrist	Optometrists must be licensed by the California Board of Optometry and must have a services credential with a specialization in health or a valid credential issued prior to November 23, 1970. (B&P Code, Section 3041.2(a) and Education Code, Section 44878)
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	Licensed clinical social workers must be licensed to practice by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. These practitioners must hold a valid pupil personnel services (PPS) credential issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC), with the appropriate authorization for those services, or be appropriately supervised by a PPS-credential holder. (B&P Code, Sections 4990.15 and 4996 and Education Code, Sections 44874 and 49422(a))
Credentialed School Social Worker	Credentialed school social workers must have a PPS credential with a specialization in school social work or a valid credential issued prior to the operative date of Section 25 of Chapter 557 of the Statutes of 1990. (Education Code, Section 49422(a))
Registered Associate Clinical Social Worker	Associate clinical social workers must be registered with the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. These practitioners may provide psychology and counseling services under the supervision of a California licensed clinical social worker or a licensed mental health professional, including a psychologist, marriage and family therapist, licensed professional clinical counselor or physician certified in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. (CCR, Title 16, Section 1870 and B&P Code, Section 4996)
Licensed Psychologist	Licensed psychologists must be licensed to practice by the California Board of Psychology. These practitioners must hold a valid PPS credential issued by the CTC, with the appropriate authorization for those services, or be appropriately supervised by a PPS-credential holder. (B&P Code, Sections 2902(b) and 2903 and Education Code, Sections 44874 and 49422(a))
Licensed Educational Psychologist	Licensed educational psychologists must be licensed to practice by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. These practitioners must hold a valid PPS credential issued by the CTC, with the appropriate authorization for those services, or be appropriately supervised by a PPS-credential holder. (B&P Code, Sections 4980.03(a) and 4989.10 and Education Code, Section 49422(a))
Credentialed School Psychologist	Credentialed school psychologists must have a PPS credential with a specialization in school psychology or a valid credential issued prior to the operative date of Section 25 of Chapter 557 of the Statutes of 1990. (Education Code, Section 49422(a))
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist	Licensed marriage and family therapists must be licensed to practice by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. These practitioners must hold a valid PPS credential issued by the CTC, with the appropriate authorization for those services, or be appropriately supervised by a PPS-credential holder. (B&P Code, Sections 4980(b) and 4980.03(a) and Education Code, Section 49422(a))

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Associate Marriage and Family Therapist	Associate marriage and family therapists must be registered with the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. These practitioners may provide psychology and counseling services under the supervision of a Licensed MFT, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor, Licensed Psychologist, or a Licensed Physician certified in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. (CCR, Title 16, Section 1833.1 and B&P Code, Section 4980.03)
Credentialed School Counselor	Credentialed school counselors must have a valid PPS credential with a specialization in school counseling or a valid credential issued prior to the operative date of Section 25 of Chapter 557 of the Statutes of 1990. (Education Code, Sections 49422(a) and 49600(a))
Licensed Physical Therapist	Licensed physical therapists must be licensed to practice by the California Physical Therapy Board. Physical therapists must be graduates of a physical therapist education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education of the American Physical Therapy Association. (B&P Code, Sections 2601, 2632 and 2651)
Physical Therapist Assistant	Physical therapist assistants must be licensed to practice by the California Physical Therapy Board. Physical therapist assistants must provide services under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist. (B&P Code, Section 2601(c))
Licensed Occupational Therapist	Licensed occupational therapists must be licensed to practice by the California Board of Occupational Therapy. Occupational therapists must be graduates of an educational program for occupational therapists that is accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association's Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE). (B&P Code, Sections 2570.2(d), 2570.2(g) and 2570.6(b)(1))
Occupational Therapy Assistant	Occupational therapy assistants must be licensed to practice by the California Board of Occupational Therapy. Occupational therapy assistants must provide services under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist. (B&P Code, Section 2570)
Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist	Licensed speech-language pathologists must be licensed to practice by the California Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board. (B&P Code, Sections 2530.2(a) and 2532 and Education Code, Section 44831)
Speech-Language Pathologist	Speech-language pathologists must have a valid preliminary services credential in speech-language pathology; professional clear services credential in speech-language pathology; clinical or rehabilitative services credential with an authorization in language, speech and hearing or a valid credential issued prior to the operative date of Section 25 of Chapter 557 of the Statutes of 1990. Speech-language pathologists with a valid credential may provide assessment and treatment services related to speech, voice, language or swallowing disorders. Services provided by a speech-language pathologist with a clinical or rehabilitative services credential or a valid credential issued prior to the operative date of Section 25 of Chapter 557 of the Statutes of 1990 must be provided under the direction of a licensed speech-language pathologist or a speech-language pathologist with a valid professional clear services credential in speech-language pathology only to the extent authorized under State law to Medi-Cal eligible students. (Education Code, Sections 49422(a) and 44265.3)

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Speech-Language Pathology Assistant	Speech-language pathology assistants must register with the California Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispenser Board. These practitioners require supervision by a licensed speech-language pathologist or a credentialed speech-language pathologist that holds a valid and current professional clear, clear, or a life clinical or rehabilitative services credential in language, speech and hearing issued by the California CTC. (B&P Code, Section 2530.2 and CCR, Title 16, Section 1399.170.15)
Licensed Audiologist	Licensed audiologists must be licensed to practice by the California Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board. These practitioners must have a clinical or rehabilitative services credential with an authorization in audiology or a valid credential issued prior to the operative date of Section 25 of Chapter 557 of the Statutes of 1990. (B&P Code, Sections 2530.2(a) and 2532 and Education Code, Section 49422(a))
Audiologist	Audiologist must have a clinical or rehabilitative services credential with an authorization in audiology or a valid credential issued prior to the operative date of Section 25 of Chapter 557 of the Statutes of 1990. Audiologists with a valid credential may provide audiological and communication disorders assessments and treatment services. These services must be provided under the direction of licensed audiologists only to the extent authorized under State law to Medi-Cal eligible students. (Education Code, Section 49422(a))
Registered School Audiometrist	School audiometrists must have a valid certificate of registration issued by DHCS. (Education Code, Section 44879 and Health and Safety Code, Section 1685)
Orientation and Mobility Specialist	Orientation and mobility specialists must be certified by the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP) and possess a Clinical or Rehabilitative Services Credential: Orientation and Mobility. (Education Code, Section 80048.9.1)
Registered Dietician	Dieticians must be registered with the Commission on Dietetic Registration. (B&P Code, Section 2585)
Licensed Respiratory Care Practitioner	Respiratory care practitioners must be licensed by the Respiratory Care Board of California. Licensed respiratory care practitioners must provide services under the direction of a licensed physician. (B&P Code, Section 3703 and 3730)
Program Specialist	Program specialists must have a baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited institution of higher education. These practitioners must also complete a post baccalaureate professional preparation program in accordance with requirements to qualify for a valid special education credential, clinical or rehabilitative services credential, health services credential or a school psychologist authorization. Program Specialists are only authorized to bill for Targeted Case Management Services. (Education Code, Sections 44266, 44267, 44268 and 56368 and CCR, Title 5, Section 80048.2)