

There are a variety of provider (also called clinician) types that can provide health services in schools. Each of these provider types is authorized by a Practice Act which defines their Scope of Practice (the things they are allowed to do) and is overseen by a licensure board. The Practice Act is statute (law) that lays out what qualifications you must have to get that license and then what you can do with that license. Most of the Practice Acts are intentionally vague – allowing significant room for interpretation and questions; however, they are often the best place to start with any questions you may have. The licensure board exists as a resource for their providers both to authorize people as licensed providers and to provide guidance and answers to questions. Normally, the provider reaches out to the board directly for any questions they may have, but it is still important for schools to understand how licensure boards work and what questions to ask of them.

The following are questions that should be directed to the licensure board:

- Does an employee or potential employee have an active and valid license to practice?
- Are there any licensure board sanctions against this person?
- What are the requirements to earn and maintain this licensure?
- Can someone with this licensure provide a particular service?
  - If the licensure board allows a provider to provide the service, that provider can bill Medicaid for that service – so if you ever question whether a certain service is Medicaid billable, you should ask that provider’s licensure board if they are authorized to do that activity. If they are, you can bill for it.

The following table provides the information for all provider types allowed in the School Based Medicaid Program:

Provider	Licensure Board	Board Contact Information	Practice Act
<b>Physical Health Providers</b>			
Nurse Practitioner (NP)	Louisiana State Board of Nursing	<a href="https://www.lsbn.state.la.us/">https://www.lsbn.state.la.us/</a> 225-755-7500 <a href="mailto:lsbn@lsbn.state.la.us">lsbn@lsbn.state.la.us</a>	<a href="#">Nurse Practice Act</a>
Registered Nurse (RN)	Louisiana State Board of Nursing	<a href="https://www.lsbn.state.la.us/">https://www.lsbn.state.la.us/</a> 225-755-7500 <a href="mailto:lsbn@lsbn.state.la.us">lsbn@lsbn.state.la.us</a>	<a href="#">Nurse Practice Act</a>
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)	Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners	<a href="https://www.lsbpne.com">https://www.lsbpne.com</a> 504-838-5791 <a href="mailto:lpnboard@lsbpne.com">lpnboard@lsbpne.com</a>	<a href="#">Practical Nurse Practice Act</a>
Physician (MD)	Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners	<a href="https://www.lsbme.la.gov/">https://www.lsbme.la.gov/</a> 504-568-6820 <a href="mailto:lsbme@lsbme.la.gov">lsbme@lsbme.la.gov</a>	<a href="#">Physician Practice Act</a>
Physician Assistant (PA)	Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners	<a href="https://www.lsbme.la.gov/">https://www.lsbme.la.gov/</a> 504-568-6820	<a href="#">Physician Assistant Practice Act</a>

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Respiratory Therapist	Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners	<a href="https://www.lsbme.la.gov/">https://www.lsbme.la.gov/</a> 504-568-6820 <a href="mailto:lsbme@lsbme.la.gov">lsbme@lsbme.la.gov</a>	<a href="#">Respiratory Therapist Practice Act</a>
Optometrist	Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners	<a href="https://laoptometryboard.com/">https://laoptometryboard.com/</a> 318-335-2989 <a href="mailto:lsboe@yahoo.com">lsboe@yahoo.com</a>	<a href="#">Optometry Practice Act</a>
<b>Therapy Providers</b>			
Licensed Audiologist	Louisiana Board of Examiners Speech Language Pathology and Audiology	<a href="https://www.lbespa.org/">https://www.lbespa.org/</a> 225-313-6358 <a href="mailto:aud-slp@lbespa.org">aud-slp@lbespa.org</a>	<a href="#">Speech Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act</a>
Licensed Speech & Language Pathologist	Louisiana Board of Examiners Speech Language Pathology and Audiology	<a href="https://www.lbespa.org/">https://www.lbespa.org/</a> 225-313-6358 <a href="mailto:aud-slp@lbespa.org">aud-slp@lbespa.org</a>	<a href="#">Speech Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act</a>
Licensed Speech & Language Therapy Assistant	Louisiana Board of Examiners Speech Language Pathology and Audiology	<a href="https://www.lbespa.org/">https://www.lbespa.org/</a> 225-313-6358 <a href="mailto:aud-slp@lbespa.org">aud-slp@lbespa.org</a>	<a href="#">Speech Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act</a>
Licensed Occupational Therapist (OT)	Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners	<a href="https://www.lsbme.la.gov/">https://www.lsbme.la.gov/</a> 504-568-6820 <a href="mailto:lsbme@lsbme.la.gov">lsbme@lsbme.la.gov</a>	<a href="#">Occupational Therapist Practice Act</a>
Licensed Occupational Therapist Assistant (OTA)	Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners	<a href="https://www.lsbme.la.gov/">https://www.lsbme.la.gov/</a> 504-568-6820 <a href="mailto:lsbme@lsbme.la.gov">lsbme@lsbme.la.gov</a>	<a href="#">Occupational Therapist Assistant Practice Act</a>
Licensed Physical Therapist (PT)	Louisiana Physical Therapy Board	<a href="https://www.laptboard.org/">https://www.laptboard.org/</a> 337-262-1043 <a href="mailto:info@laptboard.org">info@laptboard.org</a>	<a href="#">Physical Therapy Practice Act</a>
Licensed Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA)	Louisiana Physical Therapy Board	<a href="https://www.laptboard.org/">https://www.laptboard.org/</a> 337-262-1043 <a href="mailto:info@laptboard.org">info@laptboard.org</a>	<a href="#">Physical Therapy Practice Act</a>
<b>Behavioral Health Providers</b>			
Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Louisiana State Board of Licensed Professional Counselors	<a href="https://www.lpcboard.org/">https://www.lpcboard.org/</a> 225-295-8444 <a href="mailto:lpcboard@lpcboard.org">lpcboard@lpcboard.org</a>	<a href="#">Licensed Professional Counselors Practice Act</a>
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)	Louisiana State Board of Licensed Professional Counselors	<a href="https://www.lpcboard.org/">https://www.lpcboard.org/</a> 225-295-8444 <a href="mailto:lpcboard@lpcboard.org">lpcboard@lpcboard.org</a>	<a href="#">Licensed Professional Counselors Practice Act</a>

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Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)	Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners	<a href="https://www.labswe.org/">https://www.labswe.org/</a> 225-756-3470 <a href="mailto:socialwork@labswe.org">socialwork@labswe.org</a>	<a href="#">Social Work Practice Act</a>
Licensed Mastered Social Worker (LMSW) <i>*practicing under the supervision of an LCSW</i>	Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners	<a href="https://www.labswe.org/">https://www.labswe.org/</a> 225-756-3470 <a href="mailto:socialwork@labswe.org">socialwork@labswe.org</a>	<a href="#">Social Work Practice Act</a>
Licensed Psychologist	Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists	<a href="https://lsbep.org/">https://lsbep.org/</a> 225-295-8410 <a href="mailto:admin.lsbep@la.gov">admin.lsbep@la.gov</a>	<a href="#">Psychologist Practice Act</a>
Certified School Psychologist <i>*practicing under the supervision of a Licensed Psychologist</i>	Louisiana Department of Education	<a href="https://www.louisianabelieves.com/">https://www.louisianabelieves.com/</a> 1-877-453-2721 <a href="mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov">believeandprepare@la.gov</a>	<a href="#">Certified School Psychologists Credentialing Requirements</a>
Medical Psychologist	Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners	<a href="https://www.lsbme.la.gov/">https://www.lsbme.la.gov/</a> 504-568-6820 <a href="mailto:lsbme@lsbme.la.gov">lsbme@lsbme.la.gov</a>	<a href="#">Medical Psychologists Practice Act</a>
Licensed Addiction Counselor (LAC)	Addictive Disorder Regulator Authority	<a href="https://www.la-adra.org/">https://www.la-adra.org/</a> 225-361-0698 <a href="mailto:admin@la-adra.org">admin@la-adra.org</a>	<a href="#">Licensed Addiction Counselor Practice Act</a>
Licensed Behavior Analyst (LBA)	Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board	<a href="https://lababoard.org/">https://lababoard.org/</a> 225-295-8413 No email available	<a href="#">Behavior Analyst Practice Act</a>
State Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (SCABA) <i>*practicing under the supervision of an LBA</i>	Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board	<a href="https://lababoard.org/">https://lababoard.org/</a> 225-295-8413 No email available	<a href="#">Behavior Analyst Practice Act</a>
Registered Line Technician (RLT) <i>*practicing under the supervision of an LBA</i>	Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board	<a href="https://lababoard.org/">https://lababoard.org/</a> 225-295-8413 No email available	<a href="#">Behavior Analyst Practice Act</a>

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