



Leaps AND Bounds Pediatric Therapy

Provider Qualifications and Pay Rate for Louisiana Early Intervention

Specialty	Qualifications	Verification Requirement	Supervision Requirement	L&B Hourly Rate (Natural Environment)
Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Implementer	High School Diploma	Valid diploma or transcript indication award of diploma AND Documentation of supervision arrangement with supervisor's name/qualifications	Supervised by qualified Behavior Consultant enrolled in EarlySteps	TBD
Audiologist	Masters in Audiology AND Licensed by the LA Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology	Valid Louisiana License in Audiology	None	90
Assistive Technology Equipment Provider	Licensed OT, PT, MD, SLP, Audiologist, or Durable Medical Equipment (DME) vendor	Valid Louisiana License Verification of enrollment as DME vendor	None	90
Behavior Consultant	Master's or PhD degree in human service field AND at least one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Certification in Applied Behavior Analysis (BCBA) Applied Behavior Analysis Certification from another state. 	Transcript indicating achievement of graduate level degree in human service field. AND Copy of National or State Certification in Applied Behavior Analysis	None	90
Dietitian	Bachelor's Degree in Dietetics or Nutrition with internship AND Licensed by the Louisiana Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition	Valid Louisiana License in Dietetics and Nutrition	None	90
Evaluation and Assessment Provider	Master's Degree AND Educational Diagnostician Certification by the Louisiana Department of Education AND	Copy of appropriate transcript/license AND Verification of Evaluation training and Autism Screening Training	None	90

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	<p>3 years experience evaluating children ages birth to five years.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Specialist meeting the personnel qualifications of Audiology, Behavior Consultant, Licensed Professional Counselor, Early Intervention Consultant, Registered Nurse, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Physician, Psychology, School Psychology, Social Work, Speech Language Pathology, Special Instructor, Special Instructor for Children with Sensory Impairments, Vision Specialist</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Completion of Evaluation Training and Autism Screening Training</p> <p>Please note assistant-level professionals are not qualified to enroll as Evaluation and Assessment Providers</p>			
Occupational Therapist	<p>Bachelor’s or master’s degree in occupational therapy</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Licensed by the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Occupational Therapy</p>	Valid Louisiana License in Occupational Therapy	None	90
Occupational Therapy, Certified Assistant (COTA)	<p>Graduate of an Accredited Occupational Therapy Assistant Program</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Licensed by the Louisiana Board of Examiners of Occupational Therapy</p>	<p>Valid Louisiana License as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant</p> <p>Documentation of Supervision Arrangement with OT Supervisor from the Service Matrix, no independent enrollment as assistant</p> <p>Please note: COTA implements treatment plan developed by licensed OT. Attends IFSP meetings to provide input. May <i>not</i> participate in decision making at team meeting that results in changes to</p>	<p>Supervision required by licensing board (including any updates not represented below) by supervisor knowledgeable about and enrolled in EarlySteps. Authorizations are issued to supervisor/licensed OT</p> <p>For “home health” settings—must practice under direction of licensed OT as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No less than 2 years prior experience in OT • Supervisor has conducted an assessment of the 	TBD

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		<p>early intervention services</p> <p>May <i>not</i> enroll as or conduct evaluations and assessments</p>	<p>client and established the goals and treatment plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervisor re-evaluates or treats the client no less than once every 2 weeks or every 6th session. Face-to-face client care conference for each client no less frequently than once every 2 weeks. Treatment provided by COTA is documented and signed by supervisor. <p>Requirements available at: www.lsbme.louisiana.gov</p>	
Physical Therapist	<p>Bachelor's or master's degree in physical therapy</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Licensed by state Board of Physical Therapy Examiners</p>	Valid Louisiana License in Physical Therapy	None	90
Physical Therapist Assistant	<p>Graduate of an Accredited Physical Therapy Assistant Program</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Licensed by state Board of Physical Therapy Examiners</p> <p>AND</p> <p>One year of work experience</p>	<p>Valid Louisiana License as a Physical Therapist Assistant</p> <p>Written supervision arrangement by physical therapy supervisor on the Service Matrix, no independent provider enrollment</p> <p>Letter from previous employer verifying employment dates of one year of work experience.</p> <p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implements treatment plan (IFSP) developed by licensed PT Attends IFSP meeting to provide input May <i>not</i> participate in Eligibility 	<p>Supervision required by licensing board (including any updates not represented below) by supervisor knowledgeable about and enrolled in EarlySteps. Authorizations are issued to supervisor/licensed PT Supervisor responsibilities--</p> <p>In nursing/outpatient settings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervisor must be on premises for at least ½ of the treatment hours provided by PTA Evaluate and set up treatment plan for each patient prior to treatment Be accessible (beeper/phone) within 25 miles and 30' travel time 	TBD

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		Determination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May <i>not</i> Participate in decision-making at team meeting that results in changes to early intervention services • May <i>not</i> enroll as or perform evaluation and assessments 	of facility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess final treatment and write discharge summary In home health/school settings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be readily accessible by beeper/phone • Evaluate and set up treatment plan on each client prior to treatment • Treat and assess on at least every 6th visit, not less than 1 x month • Conduct 1x week face-to-face conference with PTA to review and modify treatment plan • Assess final treatment and write discharge summary Information available at www.lptaboard.org	
Speech/Language Pathologist	Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology or Communication Disorders AND Licensed by the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology	Valid Louisiana License in Speech Language Pathology	None	90
Speech/Language Pathologist Assistant	Bachelor's Degree in Speech/Language Pathology AND Licensed by the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology	Valid License issued by the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Documentation of Supervision arrangement by licensed SLP on the Service Matrix in EarlySteps work setting, no independent enrollment	Supervision according to license requirements for provisional SLP, provisional/restricted SLP, and provisional SLP Assistants (including any updates not represented below). Supervisor must be knowledgeable about and enrolled as EarlySteps SLP. The supervisor and supervisee must	TBD

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		<p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May <i>not</i> participate in eligibility determination • May <i>not</i> participate in decision-making at a team meeting resulting in changes to early intervention services. • May <i>not</i> enroll as or provide evaluation and assessment. <p>May conduct hearing screening limited to pass/fail determination</p>	<p>maintain supervision records for a period of 3 years.</p> <p>Provisional/Restricted SLP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 4 on-site, in-view (allows live video or web cam) activities and • Alternate activities for a total of 12 per year <p>SLP Assistant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 clock hour of on-site, in-view supervision (allows live video and web cam) and • 1 clock hour of alternative methods each week. <p>Information available at www.lbespa.org</p>	
Special Instructor	<p>Bachelor's or master's degree AND Certification by the Louisiana Department of Education in at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noncategorical Preschool ▪ Early Intervention ▪ Adapted Physical Education with add-on in Early Intervention ▪ Pre-K through 3 with add-on in Early Intervention 	<p>Transcript indicating achievement of bachelor's or master's degree. AND Valid Certification by the Louisiana Department of Education as listed</p>	<p>None or as required by school system employer</p>	60
Special Instructor for Children with Sensory Impairments	<p>Bachelor's or master's degree AND Certification by the Louisiana Department of Education in at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visually Impaired • Hearing Impaired 	<p>Transcript indicating achievement of a Bachelor or Master's degree. AND Valid Certification in Visually Impaired or Hearing Impaired</p>	<p>None or as required by school system employer</p>	110 for therapy 60 for meetings