

SCDE LPHA Referrals for School-based Rehabilitative Services (SBRS)

Referrals must be made by a licensed provider working within the scope of their licensure utilizing their knowledge, experience and expertise. The health professional must be currently and appropriately licensed in South Carolina and located within the South Carolina Medical Service Area (SCMSA), which is defined as the state of South Carolina and areas in North Carolina and Georgia within 25 miles of the South Carolina state border. The link provided is for access to the Local Education Agencies (LEA) [Manual](#) located on the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) website www.scdhhs.gov.

Provider Type	LPHA that may refer
Audiologist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensed Physician, • Medical Doctor (M.D.), • Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.), • Licensed Advanced Practice Registered nurse (APRN), • Licensed Physician Assistant (P.A.), • Licensed Speech Language Pathologist (SLP), • Licensed Audiologist, and • Licensed Independent Social Worker - Clinical Practice (LISW-CP).
Orientation and Mobility Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensed Physician, • Medical Doctor (M.D.), • Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.), • Licensed Advanced Practice Registered nurse (APRN), • Licensed Physician Assistant (P.A.), and • Licensed Independent Social Worker – Clinical Practice (LISW-CP).
Occupational Therapist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensed Physician, • Medical Doctor (M.D.), • Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.), • Licensed Advanced Practice Registered nurse (APRN), • Licensed Physician Assistant (P.A.), • Licensed Occupational Therapist (O.T.), and • Licensed Independent Social Worker – Clinical Practice (LISW-CP).
Physical Therapist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensed Physician, • Medical Doctor (M.D.), • Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.), • Licensed Advanced Practice Registered nurse (APRN), and • Licensed Physician Assistant (P.A.).
Speech Language Pathologist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensed Physician,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Doctor (M.D.), • Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.), • Licensed Advanced Practice Registered nurse (APRN), • Licensed Physician Assistant (P.A.), • Licensed Speech Language Pathologist (SLP), and • Licensed Independent Social Worker – Clinical Practice (LISW-CP).
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NOTE: The SCDE considers best practice is for the LPHA to only refer **students for School-Based Rehabilitative Therapy Services** within the scope of his or her practice under state law. This recommendation is based on the Medicaid LEA Manual which states the LPHA who makes the referral is required to explain the reason for the referral and act within the scope of his or her practice under State law.

The presence of licensure/certification means the established licensing board in accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws has granted the authorization to practice in the state. The three codifying agencies responsible for licensure within South Carolina are the South Carolina Department of Labor and Licensing Regulation (SCLLR) www.llr.sc.gov, South Carolina Department of Public Health (SCDPH) www.dph.sc.gov, and South Carolina Area Health Education Consortium (SCAHEC) www.scahec.net. Licensed professionals must maintain current licensure/certification for the appropriate authority to practice in the State of South Carolina and must operate within their scope of practice.