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INCREASE IN PRC 118 FUNDS – CASE SUPERVISION OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS FOR TBI REGISTRY OF APPROVED PROVIDERS

As noted in NC 1503-2.5 (13) (iii) in North Carolina Disabilities, the evaluation of children considered for eligibility within the area of Traumatic Brain Injury must involve a psychologist that meets the guidelines of the Exceptional Children Division for training in the assessment of Traumatic Brain Injury and must be listed on the *Division* sponsored [Registry of Approved Providers](#) (TBI Registry). This training consists of successful completion (four modules) of the [TBI Online Curriculum](#), followed by 30 hours of case supervision by a neuropsychologist who has pediatric experience and is listed on the *Division* sponsored [Registry of Approved Supervisors](#).

Historically, the Exceptional Children Division has dedicated funds through PRC 118 to assist local education agencies (LEAs) in paying for the case supervision for school psychologists who have completed the required course work, providing \$1,000.00 per individual. **Effective with the 2020-21SY**, the available funds to support the supervision costs will be increased to \$2,000.00 per school psychologist (or any lower amount that is required to cover the cost of supervision, but not to exceed \$2,000.00 per school psychologist).

Prior to requesting these funds, please ensure that the school psychologist(s) involved in the request has/have completed [Steps 1 & 2 in the training process](#).

- LEAs may request funds via the following [Request Form](#).
- Funds will be allocated 2x annually (Fall and Spring); therefore, the LEA may need to cover initial supervision costs until reimbursements are distributed.
- The NC DPI TBI Registry management team will monitor these requests and confirm appropriate use of funds via a verification process with TBI Supervisors within 12 months of the funding request date.

There is not a deadline or limit to the total number of times these funds can be accessed by an LEA, but they can only be accessed once per school psychologist and each school psychologist must be serving as an employee of the LEA. Please follow the instructions on the Request Form to ensure proper submission.

Questions regarding this process may be directed to Lynn K. Makor, Consultant-School Psychology, lynn.makor@dpi.nc.gov, 919-843-7049.

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