



# Technical Assistance Bulletin

**TO:** WV Birth to Three Payees, Practitioners, and Service Coordinators  
 WV Birth to Three Regional Administrative Units

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**ISSUE:** **Revisions to the WV Birth to Three Entry Level Personnel Standards**

The purpose of this Technical Assistance Bulletin is to announce revisions to the WV Birth to Three Entry Level Personnel Standards for the following disciplines: Developmental Specialist, Counselor and Registered Dietitian. Revisions to the disciplines of Counselor and Registered Dietitian will be effective on October 1, 2007 to come into compliance with Federal and State statute. Revisions to the discipline of Developmental Specialist will be effective on January 1, 2008. Anyone attending Orientation to WV Birth to Three, on or after 1/1/08, will be required to meet the new entry level standard for the discipline of Developmental Specialist. Questions concerning the revisions may be directed to the Covansys Enrollment Unit at 1-866-639-2916, extension 2.

**Summary of Personnel Standard Revisions**

Discipline or Profession	Previous Standards	New Standards Effective October 1, 2007
Counselor	Licensed as a Professional Counselor by the West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling or Master's or Doctoral degree under the supervision of a licensed Professional Counselor as approved by the West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling	Licensed as a Professional Counselor by the West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling
Registered Dietitian	Licensed as a dietitian by the West Virginia Board of Licensed Dietitians	Registered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration and licensed by the West Virginia Board of Licensed Dietitians

<b>Discipline or Profession</b>	<b>Previous Standards</b>	<b>New Standards Effective January 1, 2008</b>
Developmental Specialist	Baccalaureate or Master's degree in Child Development and Family Studies, Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Special Education OR licensed as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner OR Baccalaureate degree in an approved related area such as elementary education, special education, nursing, psychology, speech and language pathology or equivalent program of study approved by WV Birth to Three for credential and 9 hours of related course work in Child Development, Early Childhood Education or Early Childhood Special Education	Baccalaureate degree or higher in Child Development and Family Studies (Birth to Pre-K), Early Childhood Education (Birth to Pre-K), Early Education (Pre-K –K), Early Childhood Special Education (Birth to Pre-K) , Family and Consumer Sciences with a Child Development Specialization (Birth to Pre-K) OR licensed as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner OR equivalent program of study in early childhood as approved by WV Birth to Three for credential