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- To: Early Intervention (EI) Agencies, Municipalities, School Psychologists and Interested Parties
- Subject: Temporary Allowance for School Psychologists to be Directly Employed by an El Agency and Render El Services
- **Date:** June 14, 2018
- **Purpose:** Temporary Allowance for School Psychologists to be Directly Employed by an Early Intervention Agency

Chapter 68 of the Laws of 2018 extended the authority for Department of Health (DOH) - Approved EI Agencies to employ New York State (NYS) certified school psychologists to deliver EI services until June 30, 2020.

Based on this authority:

- All DOH approved EI agencies may request approval to directly employ school psychologists.
- The agency is not required to be approved by NYS Education Department as a center-based preschool special education provider.
- The location where the school psychologist delivers the EI service included in the child's Individualized Family Service Plan is not restricted.

The approval for using school psychologists will expire June 30, 2020.

If you have questions please contact the Bureau of Early Intervention by emailing provider@health.ny.gov.