

**282—16.5 (272) School physical therapist.** A person who holds a degree or equivalent baccalaureate in physical therapy and a valid license to practice physical therapy in Iowa as granted by the professional licensure division, department of public health, may be issued a statement of professional recognition (SPR) by the board of educational examiners.

**16.5(1) Authorization.** The holder of this authorization can serve as a school physical therapist to pupils from birth to age 21 who have physical impairments (and to a maximum allowable age in accordance with Iowa Code section 256B.8). The legalization for this support service personnel is through a statement of professional recognition (SPR) and not through teacher licensure.

**16.5(2) Requirements.**

*a.* The special education director (or designee) of the area education agency must submit a letter to the board of educational examiners to request that the authorization be issued.

*b.* An applicant must also submit the following documents:

(1) A copy of a temporary or regular license from the professional licensure division, department of public health.

(2) An official transcript.

**16.5(3) Validity.** The SPR shall be valid for five years.

**16.5(4) Temporary authorization.** A temporary SPR will be issued for one school year if the class of license from the professional licensure division is temporary. A regular SPR will be issued with verification of a regular license and of at least a bachelor's degree in physical therapy.