Qualified **ABI Support Coordinators** (QBIP’s) shall possess at least a Bachelors degree in nursing, behavioral science or a human services related field such as social work, sociology, special education, rehabilitation counseling, or psychology. The QBIP demonstrate competency relating to the planning and delivery of health services to the Acquired Brain Injury population through successful completion of a training and examination program approved by the State Medicaid Agency.

In addition to the requirements outlined in directive 1.18, ABI **Support Coordinators (QBIP)** must complete the following:

- By the end of 30 days, each new QBIP shall complete study of Modules I and II in the ABI Support Coordinator Certification Manual.
- By the end of 60 days, the employee shall complete Module III in the ABI Support Coordinator Certification Manual.
- By the end of 90 days, each new QBIP shall complete study of Module IV. Module IV will be completed only under **Supervisor (a Certified ABI Support Coordinator)** direction until the QBIP demonstrates the skills necessary to complete the Intake Screening and Assessment Form 4-1. Only after completing study of the:
  - ABI Support Coordinator Certification Manual, and
  - successfully passing the ABI Support Coordination Certification Examination will the Support Coordinator be allowed to perform the Intake Screening and Assessment Form 4-1 without supervision.

Within the first year of employment, the QBIP shall have Modules 5-11 completed and must pass the ABI **Support Coordinator** Certification Examination.

In the second and following years of employment, employees shall attend a minimum of 30 hours of annual advanced training to maintain **Division** certification. For Certified ABI Support CoordinatorsQBIP’s, this means 10 hours of ABI Specific Training, and 20 hours of training in the field of DD/MR, social work, psychology, etc.

Advanced training is selected under the advisement of the employee’s **Supervisor**. Advanced training may include **ABI Support Coordination** training, **Division** conferences, and other pre-approved professional conferences.

**PROCEDURES**

1. New ABI **Support Coordinators** shall be provided with the ABI Support Coordinator Certification Manual.
2. The training **Specialist** shall coordinate ABI **Support Coordination** Certification Training sessions.
3. **Division** Certification must be attained within the first year of hire and prior to leaving probation.
QBIP Certification includes:

A. completion of the ABI Support Coordinator Certification Training Manual,

B. completion of Division and Department New Employee Orientation (for new employees),

C. completion of the Support Coordination Certification Training by passing the Examination.

D. Successfully passing the ABI Support Coordinator Examination.

4. Supervisors shall not award an overall satisfactory or exceptional performance rating to an employee unless certification is attained within one year of hire and maintained thereafter.