Q - Can we offer CE credits to MFTs/LCSWs and other BBS licensed professionals?
A - You have always been able to provide certificates of attendance and CE credit to MFTs/LCSWs. The problem was that the BBS did not recognize CPA PAS credit for their licensees. The change is that the BBS now accepts CPA PAS Providers CE credit for their licensees. The important part of this answer is that we (CPA PAS) did not change. The BBS changed their policy.

Q – Do we need to report the MFT/LCSW evaluation information on the course reports?
A - No. We still need to know the demographic information at the top of the report but we only want to see the summary of evaluation responses from licensed psychologists. You do, however, need to maintain attendance records for MFTs/LCSW’s for the full five years required by the PAS program.

Q - Can we offer some courses for the BBS licensees and others for psychologists?
A - If you are offering CPA CE Credit for any course, it must meet CPA standards for psychologists. Again – our program did not change. The BBS recognition of CPA as an accrediting body rests on the current standards for both content and administration.

Q – Do I have to report courses if no psychologist attended? Will they count towards my annual fee level?
A - Any course that is advertised as offering CPA CE credit must be reported even if no psychologists attended. The reporting will be minimal as you will just complete the first section of the reporting form and send it to us with the advertising. And, yes, it will count towards your annual fee rate.

Q - How can I let BBS licensees know that they can use the credit from my courses?
A - The best adaptation of the required CPA PAS language that we have seen is as follows:

“CPA Accredited: (Name of Provider) is approved by the California Psychological Association (CPA) to provide continuing professional education for psychologists. The California Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) now recognizes CE credit offered by any CPA-approved provider for license renewal for its licensees. (Name of Provider) maintains responsibility for this program and its contents."

***Reminder - this can be in a very small font; it just needs to be included in all advertising.