Clarification of Duties between the Competent Professional Authority (CPA) and the Competent Paraprofessional Authority (CPPA)

	CPA	CPPA
Qualifications		
Education	Bachelors or Masters in nutrition or health related field	High School Diploma or GED + 1 year experience in the WIC Program
Registered Dietitian (RD), or RD-Eligible	Yes	No
Licensure as a Dietitian or Nutritionist in the District of Columbia	Yes	No
Responsibilities		
Performs Certifications of Program Applicants	Yes	Yes
Performs High Risk Certifications	Yes	No (but if a CPA is unavailable a CPPA can council a high-risk participant on non-high risk codes and provide basic nutrition education)
Provides Nutrition Education and Counseling	Yes	Yes – basic education and counseling
Prescribes Food Packages	Yes	Yes – default and homeless food packages
May Prescribe Special or Ready to Use Formula	Yes	No – May only prescribe standard formula, with the exception of prescribing RTU formula for homeless participants if warranted
Prints Checks for High-Risk Participants	Yes	Yes- but must schedule next appointment with a CPA within 60 days or less