

The SBAP Monthly

School-Based ACCESS Program Monthly Bulletin

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Stakeholder Feedback Surveys

Please complete all surveys no later than December 6. The data DHS collects (exclusive of names and contact information shared) will be analyzed and reported to CMS and will be used as DHS, PDE, and CMS work together on meeting compliance requirements set out in the May 2023 Guidance and expanding the SBAP to support the delivery of more student services.

What should you say when your staff are confused about receiving a survey from DHS?

Direct Service staff received a survey because DHS is gathering input from participating LEAs and providers in the field. The results of these surveys will be used to help determine future changes to school-based health services in PA. The surveys take about 15-20 minutes to complete if all questions are answered. We know your time is valuable and limited, which is why we decided to ask all our questions in one survey. We greatly appreciate the time you commit to this effort!

Your responses matter! The [Participating LEA survey](#) is best completed by an ACCESS Coordinator or Special Education Director – someone with overall knowledge of how the program operates in your LEA. The [Direct Service Provider survey](#) should be completed by any/all the direct providers in your LEA. If you work in an IU, there is a separate survey devoted to [SBAP activities in IUs](#).

NAME Memberships

Thanks to all of you who registered for a NAME membership! Over 300 Pennsylvania LEAs are now members of the National Alliance for Medicaid in Education! Please be assured that when you receive an email that appears to be an invoice, the cost of your membership has been covered! Once you log in and set up a password, you can start exploring the resources available on the NAME website.

Parental Consent

As a reminder, your LEA should always have access to the one-time signed parental consent. If a student transfers from another LEA and that LEA provides you with the signed consent, then a new consent is not required. If you do NOT have access to the signed consent, then you must get a new signed consent, even if the parent/guardian has been getting a notification at the annual IEP meeting.

Specialized Transportation

CMS has reiterated two important details about billing for specialized transportation: 1) The medical necessity for a specific vehicular accommodation must be documented in the IEP for specialized transportation to be billable; 2) specialized transportation may only be billed when the beneficiary is transported to receive a Medicaid-eligible health-related service.

Year-End Dates & Deadlines – consider your holidays!

- December 2, 2024
 - o Certified RMTS Participant Lists due for January – March 2025
- December 31, 2024
 - o FY23-24 Annual Cost Reporting must be completed in e-SivicMACS

Be sure to check the SSG Training Calendar to register for available live training sessions!