



A review of the



PENNSYLVANIA

School-Based ACCESS Program

2003-2004



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Overview of the Program

The Pennsylvania Department of Education's (PDE) School-Based ACCESS Program (SBAP) is a cooperative effort between PDE, the state Department of Public Welfare (DPW), the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and PDE's contractor, Leader Services.

Reimbursements received by Local Education Agencies (LEAs) through the program have been used to enhance existing special education services, including:

- The purchase of assistive devices that help disabled children function to their full capacity at home and in the classroom;
- The hiring of special education staff;
- The purchase of new computers and printers for the special education population;
- The funding of field trips;
- The purchase of supplies and materials for special education classrooms.



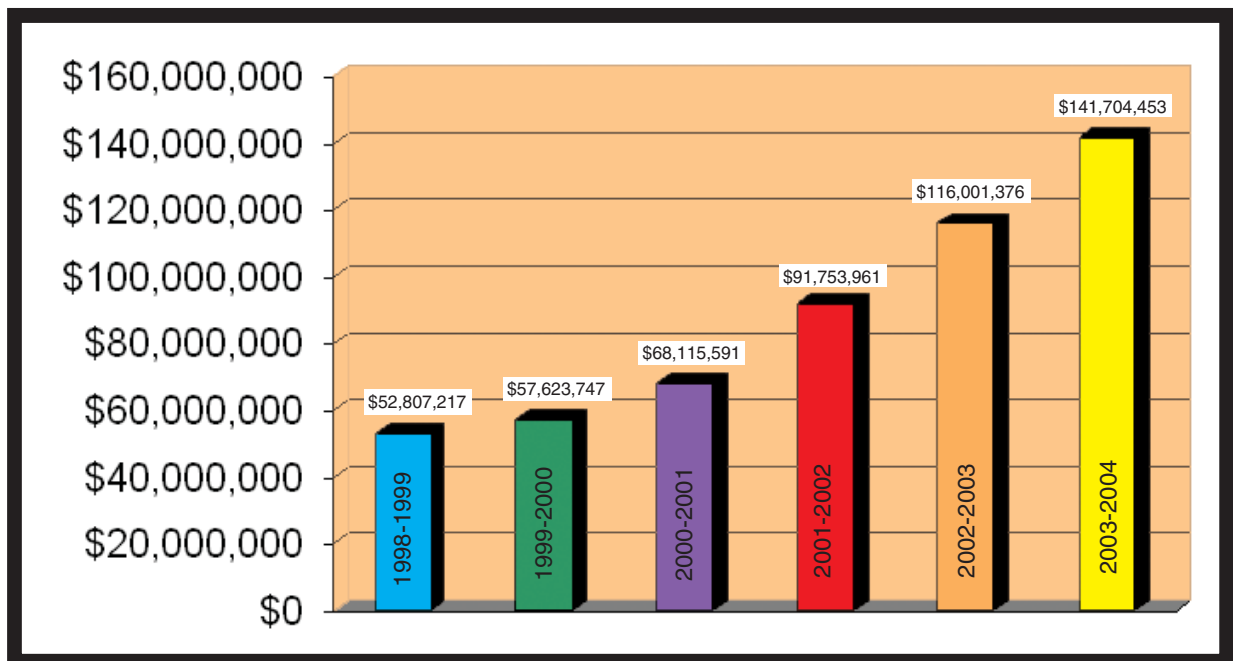
Reimbursable Services

Administrative Time Studies
 Assistive Devices
 Audiology Services
 IEP Development
 Interpreter Services
 Nursing Services
 Occupational Therapy Services
 Orientation and Mobility Services
 Personal Care Assistant
 Physical Therapy Services
 Physician Services
 Psychiatric and Psychological Services
 Social Work Services
 Speech, Language, Hearing Services
 Teacher of Hearing Impaired Services
 Vision Services

Growth History

The graph below represents the growth of Direct Services under the SBAP during the last six years. Ongoing growth of the program is due to the continued support of PDE, DPW, and the efforts of participating LEAs.

Throughout SBAP's history, the number of services billed and dollars recovered have steadily increased. Most of the categories of health-related services provided by LEAs are included in the program. PDE, DPW, and Leader Services work collaboratively to add new SBAP services, enhance existing services and modify the program, benefiting LEAs and taxpayers across the state. As PDE's program contractor, Leader educates SBAP providers concerning program changes, documentation required for billing and ongoing administrative responsibilities.

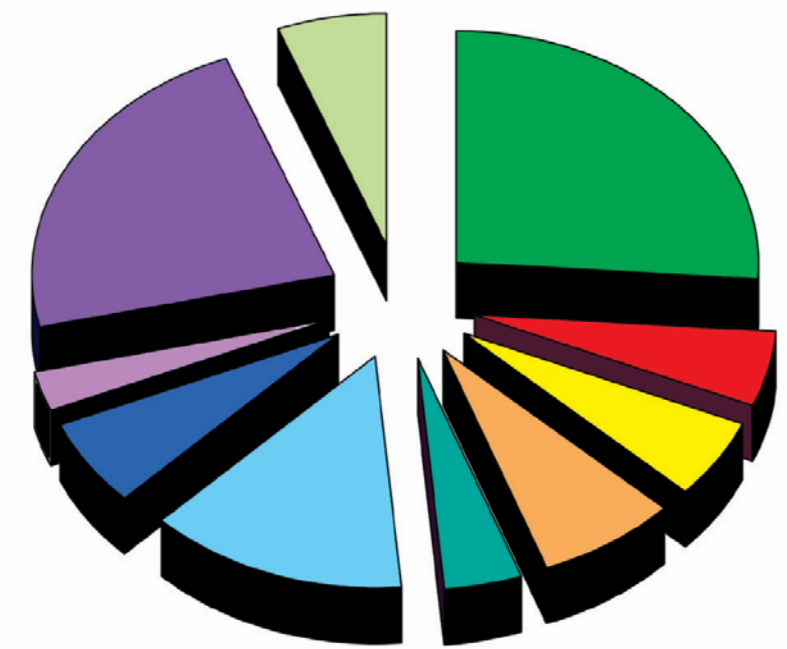


Note: From the program's inception in 1992 through June 1998, more than **\$163 million** was billed under the SBAP (not shown on the chart).

Services Billed

From the program's inception in June 1992 through June 2004, over \$939 million was billed to Medicaid for PA SBAP services.

The graphics below detail the billing distribution by professional service from the program's beginnings in 1992.



	Personal Care Assistant 14% – \$129,835,611
	Physical Therapy 6% – \$57,609,578
	Psychology 3% – \$27,258,813
	Speech 23% – \$213,256,850
	Transportation 6% – \$54,728,954
	Administrative Claims 26% – \$244,936,840
	Individual Education Plan 5% – \$49,696,550
	Nursing 6% – \$52,919,628
	Occupational Therapy 7% – \$70,047,851
	Other (see table below) 4% – \$39,142,522



Audiology/Hearing 2% – \$937,118	Assistive Devices 28% – \$11,123,779
Hearing Impaired 32% – \$12,639,147	Psychiatry 2% – \$648,669
Orientation & Mobility 14% – \$5,374,392	Social Work 11% – \$4,166,559
Physician 9% – \$3,579,347	Vision 2% – \$673,511

Top 10 LEAs *by type*

The following tables recognize the 10 school districts, IUs, and Approved Private Schools that billed the most under this program during the 2003-2004 school year.

SD of Pittsburgh	\$4,224,079
Altoona Area SD	\$2,699,164
Millcreek Township SD	\$1,359,507
Hazleton Area SD	\$1,339,672
Spring-Ford Area SD	\$1,290,100
Reading SD	\$1,190,171
Erie SD	\$1,131,822
Penridge SD	\$969,268
Boyertown Area SD	\$850,259
Chester-Upland SD	\$824,320

School Districts

Philadelphia Area	\$8,914,948
Bucks County IU 22	\$5,262,956
Montgomery County IU 23	\$5,160,541
Lincoln IU 12	\$4,993,588
Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13	\$4,056,579
Intermediate Unit 1	\$3,285,797
Allegheny IU 3	\$3,187,256
Central IU 10	\$2,627,968
Luzerne IU18	\$2,544,514
Central Susq IU 16	\$2,104,187

Intermediate Units

Elwyn Inc - Phila EI	\$4,322,018
Western PA School Blind Children	\$1,385,777
George Crothers Memorial School	\$1,208,427
Davidson School	\$905,560
Children's Institute of Pittsburgh	\$822,909
Education Center at Dt Watson	\$707,434
Dr Gertrude A. Barber Center	\$533,619
Hms School for Children	\$496,980
DePaul Institute	\$491,974
Overbrook School for the Blind	\$434,977

Approved Private Schools

Top 5 School Districts by student population

Each of the following tables showcases the top five school districts by student population that billed under this program in the 2003-2004 school year.

Less than 1,000 students

Leechburg Area SD	\$191,084
Harmony Area SD	\$173,520
Sullivan County SD	\$167,073
Jefferson-Morgan SD	\$165,407
Cornell SD	\$139,113

1,000-1,999 students

Girard SD	\$431,934
Wellsboro Area SD	\$372,903
Troy Area SD	\$312,880
Mount Union Area SD	\$299,072
Clarion-Limestone Area SD	\$290,010

2,000-2,999 students

Western Wayne SD	\$604,372
Sharon City SD	\$405,923
Phlipsbrg-Osceola SD	\$389,679
Oley Valley SD	\$367,217
Center Area SD	\$351,613

3,000-3,999 students

Wallenpaupack Area SD	\$576,047
Daniel Boone Area SD	\$493,375
Hampton Township SD	\$467,212
Hollidaysburg Area SD	\$467,073
Berwick Area SD	\$327,850

4,000-4,999 students

Fox Chapel Area SD	\$602,279
Wissahickon SD	\$469,743
Dubois Area SD	\$419,410
Upper St. Clair SD	\$402,730
Mckeesport Area SD	\$372,157

5,000-5,999 students

Chester-Upland SD	\$824,320
Williamsport Area SD	\$818,834
Penn Hills SD	\$583,203
Wilson SD	\$511,541
Wyoming Valley West SD	\$390,270

6,000-6,999 students

Spring-Ford Area SD	\$1,290,100
Boyertown Area SD	\$850,259
Norristown Area SD	\$610,057
Warren County SD	\$550,361
Bristol Township SD	\$500,788



Behind the Scenes

DPW Implementation of PROMISe

Much of this school year was spent gearing up for implementation of DPW's new PROMISe claims processing system. Everyone experienced the migration pains as all MA provider information was transferred to PROMISe. Claims processing was halted in February while the new system went live. The claims that Leader submitted to PROMISe during the remaining months of the 2003-04 school year were paid starting in July 2005. Currently, the PROMISe system is operating smoothly and claims are being paid on a timely basis.

The cooperation between PDE and DPW was evident during this process over and over again, as the parties worked through the PROMISe implementation cycle. The collaborative arrangement between these state agencies is a main contributor to the success and growth of PA's school-based Medicaid reimbursement programs.

Additional Service Providers Eligible to Bill

During the 2003-04 school year, we were pleased to announce that all PDE-certified school psychologists could begin billing for psychological services, and Licensed Professional Counselors could begin billing for social work services. This change increased the number of service providers who can bill for services provided to MA-enrolled special education students.

Web Applications Expanded and Enhanced

WebPSL (Web Professional Service Logs) was successfully implemented in March 2004. This new application joins WebSDS (Web Service Description Slips) in providing web entry of SBAP service data. The two applications received wide acceptance by the LEA user community, and Leader Services will continue to make improvements to the applications based on user feedback.



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