



MA Bulletins Available Online Only

As of Oct. 27, 2011, DPW stopped mailing Medical Assistance (MA) bulletins to Leader Services for distribution to schools; the bulletins are now accessible only online.

DPW's decision is aimed at reducing administrative costs associated with printing and mailing the bulletins, while also making the bulletins available in a timelier manner.

Schools have the option of registering for email notifications when new MA bulletins are released. To read the bulletin or for information on how to register for automatic email notifications, please click [here](#).

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CMS to Review PA School-Based Programs

For this fiscal year, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will conduct an on-site financial management review of PA's school-based Medicaid services and its related expenditures. The purpose of the review is to determine whether the state is in compliance with applicable federal statutes and regulations.

This month, a meeting will be held regarding the reviews with representatives from CMS, the PA Department of Public Welfare (DPW), the PA Department of Education (PDE), and Leader Services.

CMS is a federal agency within the PA Department of Health and Human Services, and is responsible for oversight and coordination in working with states to administer federal health-care programs, which include Medicare and Medicaid.

Some Schools No-Shows at Regional Trainings



Each year, Leader Services, in collaboration with DPW and PDE, hosts SBAP and Administrative Claiming Program (ACP) regional trainings at several locations across the state.

These trainings, though not mandated, are critical to ensuring the programs adhere to state and federal policies and regulations. Therefore, it is recommended that

schools send an administrator and support staff member to a regional training.

While attendance continues to increase each year, many schools continue to lack representation. We will continue to stress the importance of these trainings; working together, we can strive to maintain compliant and successful school-based Medicaid programs.

This year's attendance →

2010-11 Regional Trainings	Participating schools	Attendance	Percentage attended
Direct Services Program	598	397	66%
Administrative Claiming	150	105	70%

Compliance Corner

Editor's note: This column will be published periodically with news from DPW to help participating schools stay informed regarding Medicaid policies.

In August 2011, DPW issued Medical Assistance (MA) bulletin 99-11-05, *Provider Screening of Employees and Contractors for Exclusion from Participation in Federal Health Care Programs and the Effect of Exclusion on Participation*, to remind all providers who participate in the MA Program (this includes enrolled SBAP LEAs), to screen their employees and contractors prior to hire/contracting and monthly thereafter, to determine if they have been excluded from participation in Medicare, Medicaid, or any other federal health care program.

The bulletin identifies steps providers should take to establish sound compliance practices and to prevent potential monetary and other sanctions. Click [here](#) to read MA Bulletin 99-11-05. To read an FAQ document regarding this requirement, click [here](#).

PA Medicaid regulations at 55 Pa.Code § 1101 provides that DPW does not pay for services or items rendered, prescribed, or ordered on or after the effective date of termination from the MA Program.

Click [here](#) to read the regulation and see 55 Pa.Code § 1101.66(e), 55 Pa.Code § 1101.77(c), and 55 Pa.Code § 1101.42(c).