

School-Based ACCESS Program (SBAP)

Introduction:

The Seneca Valley School District has participated in the School-Based ACCESS Program (SBAP) since 2006. This program recovers funds from Medicaid (MA) when federally-mandated health-related services are provided to children.

Any funds received from the SBAP are used to enhance the Special Education Program at Seneca Valley School District.

SBAP (ACCESS) is a cooperative effort between the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare (DPW), and the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

FAQ:

1. If I give consent for SVSD to bill Medicaid (MA), will it affect my child's outside-of-school medical coverage?
 - a. There is no cap or limit on the total amount of money that may be paid by the MA Program for SBAP (ACCESS) services or MA services that the MA eligible child may receive.
 - b. Health-related SBAP (ACCESS) services are separate and apart from other MA services. Medically necessary health services outside of school have a separate scope and duration from SBAP (ACCESS) services.
 - c. Based on federal Medicaid law, children covered by MA are eligible for all medically necessary services.

[ACCESS Impact of Parent Consent Letter](#)

2. Will allowing the school to bill for my child's services affect other benefits my child or family receives, such as cash assistance?

No, allowing the school to bill will not affect a child's or family's MA services, funds, or limits in any way.

3. My child is a student in the special education program but I've never heard of ACCESS. Could my child qualify for this program? (How can I apply for Medical Assistance for my child?)

Not only will Medical Assistance help individual families but it will also help the school district provide quality services to special education students. There are many services available if your child qualifies. If your child has a disability, a higher income can be used when you apply for Medicaid. You may also be able to receive additional services as well. This program can sometimes pay bills that your other health insurance doesn't cover. Also, you may be able to get help from Medicaid for unpaid medical bills from the last three (3) months.

Health care coverage may include:

Checkups	Immunizations
Sick visits and prescription drugs	Vision testing and eyeglasses
Emergency room care	Lab tests and x-rays
Hearing testing and hearing aids	Mental health and substance abuse treatment

You can apply online for Medical Assistance under the Medicaid Program at www.compass.state.pa.us. You may also call 1-800-842-2020.

4. I signed this form at the last IEP meeting. Why am I being asked to sign it again?

Regulations require LEAs to obtain parental consent every year, or each time your child's medically necessary health-related IEP services increase or new services are added.

5. What are the MA-eligible school-based services?

Assistive Devices	Social Work
Audiology	Speech
IEP Development	Hearing Impaired
Nursing (RN and LPN)	Special Transportation
Occupational Therapy	Vision (limited)
Orientation and Mobility	

6. My child was enrolled in the Medical Assistance (MA) program but his/her eligibility is now inactive. How can I re-activate the status so SVSD can bill?

Please contact the Medical Assistance Program at 1-800-842-2020 and tell them your situation. Sometimes only a signature or a form needs to be filled out to re-activate a child's status.

7. My child is a student in the special education program but I didn't allow SVSD to bill for his/her services. Can I change my decision?

Yes, at any point you may give SVSD consent to bill for your child's services. Please contact your child's special education teacher and sign a new parental consent letter.

Contact Information:

You can apply online for Medical Assistance at www.compass.state.pa.us or call 1-800-842-2020.

If you have an SVSD ACCESS-related question, contact Angie Popa, ACCESS District Coordinator, at popaaa@svsd.net or (724) 940-5938.