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Program News



Bills Intended to Save Administrative Claiming

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is continuing its attempts to eliminate school-based Medicaid administrative claiming and special transportation reimbursement. The potential effect of the elimination of these programs would result in an annual loss of revenue to Pennsylvania LEAs of over \$20 million.

Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) introduced S578 in the Senate and Representative John Dingell (D-MI) introduced H.R. 1017 in the House. These identical bills, as suggested by their name, "Protecting Children's Health in Schools Act of 2007," contain language that would protect the continuation of these programs. Leader will continue to advocate this bill on behalf of our LEAs.

Parent Consent Requirement Poses New Challenge

The 2004 reauthorization of IDEA included the requirement for LEAs to obtain informed, written parental consent to access public and private insurance including Medicaid. As a result of this requirement, which went into effect Oct. 13, 2006, reimbursement for the 2006-2007 school year is predicted to decrease, making it the first time in the program's 15-year history that reimbursement will have declined from the previous year.

PDE Report Changes

All financials in the PDE Report now reflect the amount of federal reimbursement that was recovered by Pennsylvania LEAs, rather than the total amount that was billed in claims. Participating LEAs include school districts, MAWAs, intermediate units, charter schools, and approved private schools.

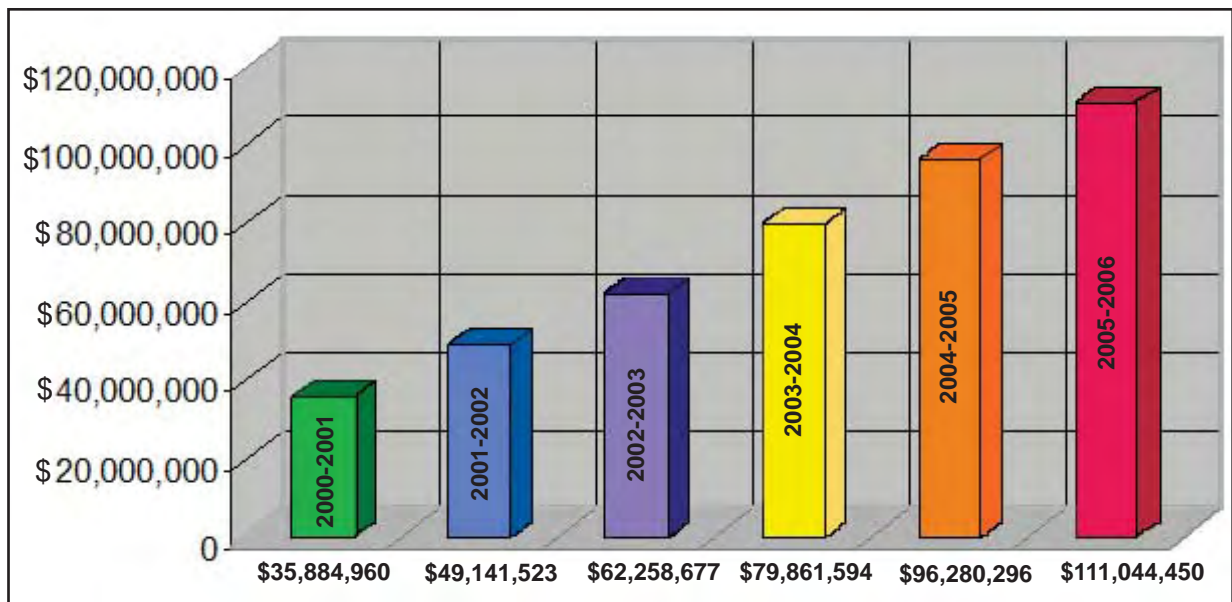
This year's report also differentiates between the reimbursement that was recovered by the Early Intervention Program and the School-Age Program.

SBAP is a cooperative initiative among PDE, the state Department of Public Welfare (DPW), the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and PDE's contractor, Leader Services.

Growth History

The graph below represents the growth of SBAP-recovered funds for the last six years. Ongoing growth of the program is due in part to the continued support of PDE, DPW, and the efforts of participating LEAs.

Historically, the number of services billed and dollars recovered have steadily increased. Most of the health-related services provided to special education students are included in the program. PDE, DPW, and Leader Services work collaboratively to enhance existing services, benefiting LEAs and taxpayers across the state. As PDE's program contractor, Leader educates SBAP providers concerning program operations, documentation requirements, and ongoing supportive administrative responsibilities.



Note: From the program's inception in 1992 through June 2000, more than \$141 million was recovered through SBAP on behalf of LEAs across the Commonwealth (*the chart above reflects funds recovered for 2000-01 through 2005-06 only*).



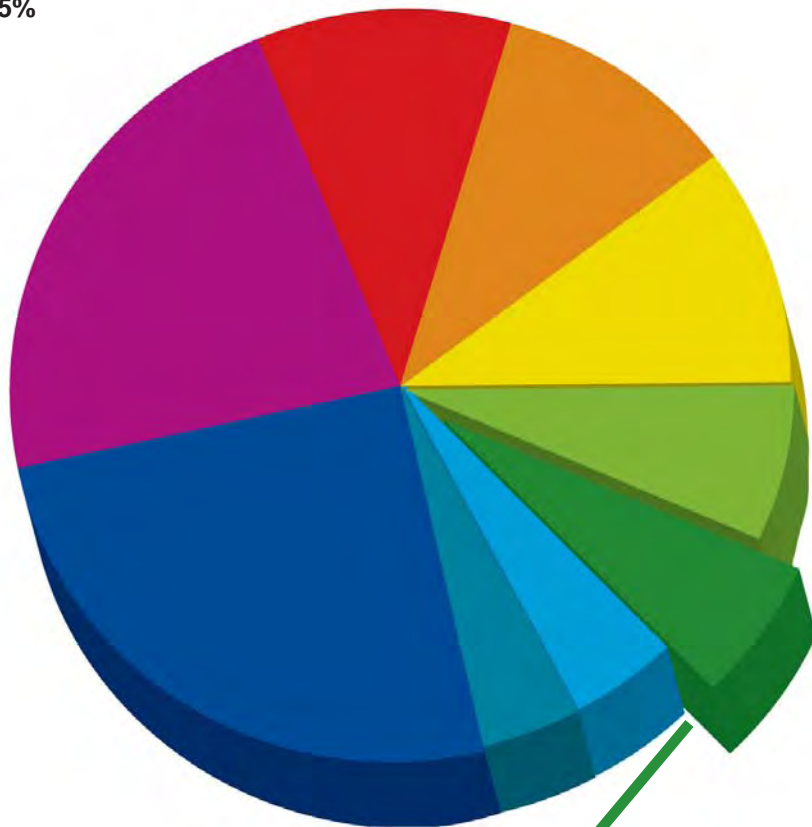


SBAP Services Distribution

Since the inception of SBAP in 1992, LEAs have recovered more than **\$576 million** in federal Medicaid reimbursement.

The following pie chart illustrates the distribution of funds by service specialty. Figures are representative of the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 school years.

- Personal Care Assistance – 25%**
\$52,610,900
- Speech – 22%**
\$46,231,517
- Occupational Therapy – 10%**
\$21,261,231
- Transportation – 10%**
\$49,218,824
- IEPs – 10%**
\$20,960,498
- Physical Therapy – 6%**
\$13,960,793
- Other – 4%**
\$12,549,891
- RN Nursing – 4%**
\$9,189,800
- Psychology – 4%**
\$8,497,022



Other

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| Hearing Impaired – 2% \$5,684,303 | Physician – 0.46% \$951,222 | Psychiatry – 0.11% \$229,837 |
| Social Work – 1% \$3,015,195 | LPN Nursing – 0.30% \$624,643 | Audiology/Hearing – 0.09% \$186,155 |
| O&M – 0.77% \$1,592,095 | Assistive Devices – 0.11% \$222,472 | Vision – 0.02% \$33,969 |

LEAs have recovered more than **\$81 million** in federal Medicaid reimbursement since the inception of the PA Administrative Time Study Program in 1992 (not reflected in pie chart).

Top 10 LEAs

The following LEAs ranked in the Top 10 based on reimbursement received for the 2005-2006 school year (from July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006).

School Districts

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| School District of Pittsburgh | \$1,836,081 |
| Altoona Area | \$1,223,133 |
| Millcreek Township | \$940,621 |
| Spring-Ford Area | \$893,172 |
| Penndridge | \$844,340 |
| Reading | \$734,956 |
| West Chester Area | \$707,492 |
| Butler Area | \$706,259 |
| Williamsport Area | \$673,465 |
| Upper Darby | \$635,524 |

Intermediate Units

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Philadelphia IU 26 | \$5,370,939 |
| Lincoln IU 12 | \$3,242,811 |
| Bucks County IU 22 | \$2,429,021 |
| Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 | \$2,129,688 |
| Allegheny IU 3 | \$2,021,271 |
| Montgomery County IU 23 | \$1,750,400 |
| Chester County IU 24 | \$1,475,810 |
| Luzerne IU 18 | \$1,275,493 |
| Carbon-Lehigh County IU 21 | \$1,174,656 |
| Central Susquehanna IU 16 | \$1,161,955 |

Charter Schools

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| Philadelphia Academy | \$196,631 |
| Chester Community | \$141,112 |
| Belmont | \$56,532 |
| Spectrum | \$37,514 |
| New Foundations | \$37,040 |
| Franklin Towne CHS | \$36,478 |
| Village CS of Chester | \$28,195 |
| Wissahickon | \$27,306 |
| Collegium | \$24,028 |
| First Phila/Literacy | \$18,307 |

Approved Private Schools

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|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Western PA School Blind Children | \$846,563 |
| Children's Institute of Pittsburgh | \$779,539 |
| George Crothers Memorial School | \$692,523 |
| Easter Seals of Southeastern PA | \$680,036 |
| Davidson School | \$563,695 |
| Educ Center at DT Watson | \$396,366 |
| Dr Gertrude A Barber Center | \$383,066 |
| The Melmark Home Inc. | \$342,937 |
| DePaul Institute | \$310,358 |
| Western PA School Deaf | \$293,597 |

Early Intervention

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Elwyn Inc - Phila | \$2,582,357 |
| Bucks County IU 22 | \$1,372,968 |
| Montgomery Cty IU 23 | \$1,346,646 |
| Lancaster-Lebanon IU13 | \$1,144,751 |
| Delaware County IU 25 | \$720,370 |
| Lincoln IU 12 | \$566,675 |
| Carbon-Lehigh IU 21 | \$556,031 |
| Allegheny IU 3 | \$545,517 |
| Appalachia IU 8 | \$523,653 |
| Central Susquehanna IU 16 | \$506,595 |





Top 5 School Districts (by student population)

The following school districts (by student population) are recognized for ranking in the Top 5 based on reimbursement recovered for the 2005-2006 school year.

Note: School districts that ranked in the Top 10 (page 5) are not duplicated on this page.

Fewer than 1,000 students

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|--------------------|-----------|
| Sullivan County SD | \$118,848 |
| Clairton City SD | \$108,711 |
| Cornell SD | \$100,782 |
| Leechburg Area SD | \$94,024 |
| West Greene SD | \$90,339 |

1,000-1,999 students

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| Big Beaver Falls Area SD | \$270,535 |
| Brookville Area SD | \$250,191 |
| Center SD | \$234,622 |
| Quaker Valley SD | \$222,666 |
| Penns Valley SD | \$210,972 |

2,000-2,999 students

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|------------------------|-----------|
| Philipsburg-Osceola SD | \$371,448 |
| Punxsutawney Area SD | \$321,232 |
| Sharon City SD | \$301,965 |
| Northern Tioga SD | \$284,418 |
| St. Mary's Area SD | \$280,900 |

3,000-3,999 students

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Hampton Township SD | \$368,915 |
| Trinity SD | \$308,133 |
| Daniel Boone Area SD | \$287,836 |
| Berwick Area SD | \$278,903 |
| Wallingford-Swarthmore SD | \$274,650 |

4,000-4,999 students

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|--------------------|-----------|
| Owen J Roberts SD | \$549,069 |
| Upper St. Clair SD | \$520,398 |
| Chester-Upland SD | \$445,936 |
| Wallenpaupack SD | \$417,562 |
| Wissahickon SD | \$373,155 |

5,000-5,999 students

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|---------------------|-----------|
| Penn Hills SD | \$481,441 |
| Shaler Area SD | \$397,751 |
| Perkiomen Valley SD | \$337,797 |
| Mount Lebanon SD | \$288,881 |
| William Penn SD | \$287,173 |

6,000-7,999 students

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|----------------------|-----------|
| Boyertown Area SD | \$581,683 |
| Abington SD | \$495,059 |
| Coatesville Area SD | \$443,371 |
| Norristown Area SD | \$335,769 |
| Wilkes-Barre Area SD | \$306,419 |

Over 8,000 students

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|--------------------|-----------|
| Hazleton Area SD | \$561,337 |
| Erie SD | \$514,376 |
| Parkland SD | \$477,618 |
| Central Dauphin SD | \$467,080 |
| Scranton SD | \$452,929 |

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