

# School-Based ACCESS Program



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## Program News

### SBAP Recovers in the Aftermath of Parental Consent

Congratulations are due to SBAP coordinators and special education staff who found ways to effectively address the 2006 regulation that requires schools to obtain parental consent before billing Medical Assistance.

While schools had the most success in obtaining consent when meeting with parents face-to-face — for example, at an IEP meeting — this wasn't possible in cases where the parent did not attend a meeting.

That being the case, most school entities implemented their own procedures to obtain parental signatures, including educating parents about the overwhelming benefits of the program.

As indicated by the historical chart on page 3 of this report, the decrease in reimbursement during the 2006-2007 school year, which is attributed to the parental consent requirement, was reversed for the 2007-2008 school year.



### Preserving Admin Claiming and Special Transportation

Thanks to the efforts of LEAnet and its associates, schools will continue to receive Medicaid reimbursement for special transportation services and activities covered under the Administrative Claiming Program.

On May 1, 2009, the Federal Register published a new rule that would rescind CMS-2287-P2, the regulation that would have eliminated Medicaid reimbursement for school-based administrative and transportation services. When the 30-day comment period ends, the rule will go into effect and allow the continued billing of these two services.

Education agencies can help in preservation efforts by joining LEAnet. LEAnet is a grassroots organization whose mission is to protect and expand children's health care services in public schools.

To download an application, please visit:  
[www.leaderservices.com/LEAnet](http://www.leaderservices.com/LEAnet)

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### SBAP Rules and Regulations Under Review

The Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Inspector General (OIG) has visited a number of states over the last several years to audit school-based claims. Many of these audits have resulted in recommendations that schools refund millions of dollars in Medicaid payments for failure to comply with specific Medicaid program policies and regulations.

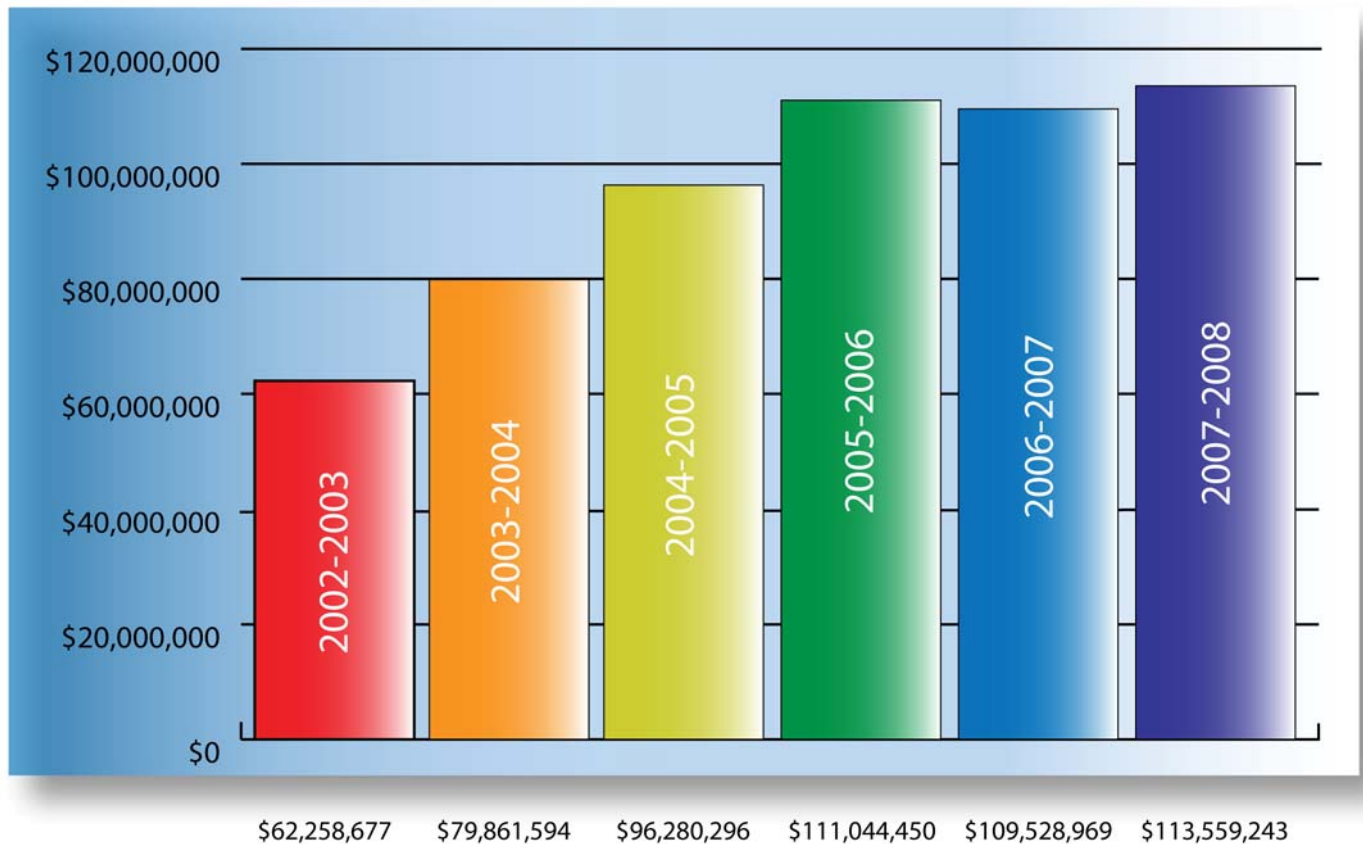
The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and the Department of Public Welfare (DPW) have teamed up to review SBAP policies and procedures to ensure continuing compliance with federal and state regulations.

# Growth History

The graph below represents the dollar value of SBAP-recovered funds for the last six years. Progress is due in part to the continued support of PDE, DPW, and the efforts of participating school entities.

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, benefitting LEAs and taxpayers across the state. As PDE’s program contractor, Leader Services educates SBAP providers concerning program operations, documentation requirements, and ongoing supportive administrative responsibilities, and provides billing, reconciliation and support services and applications.

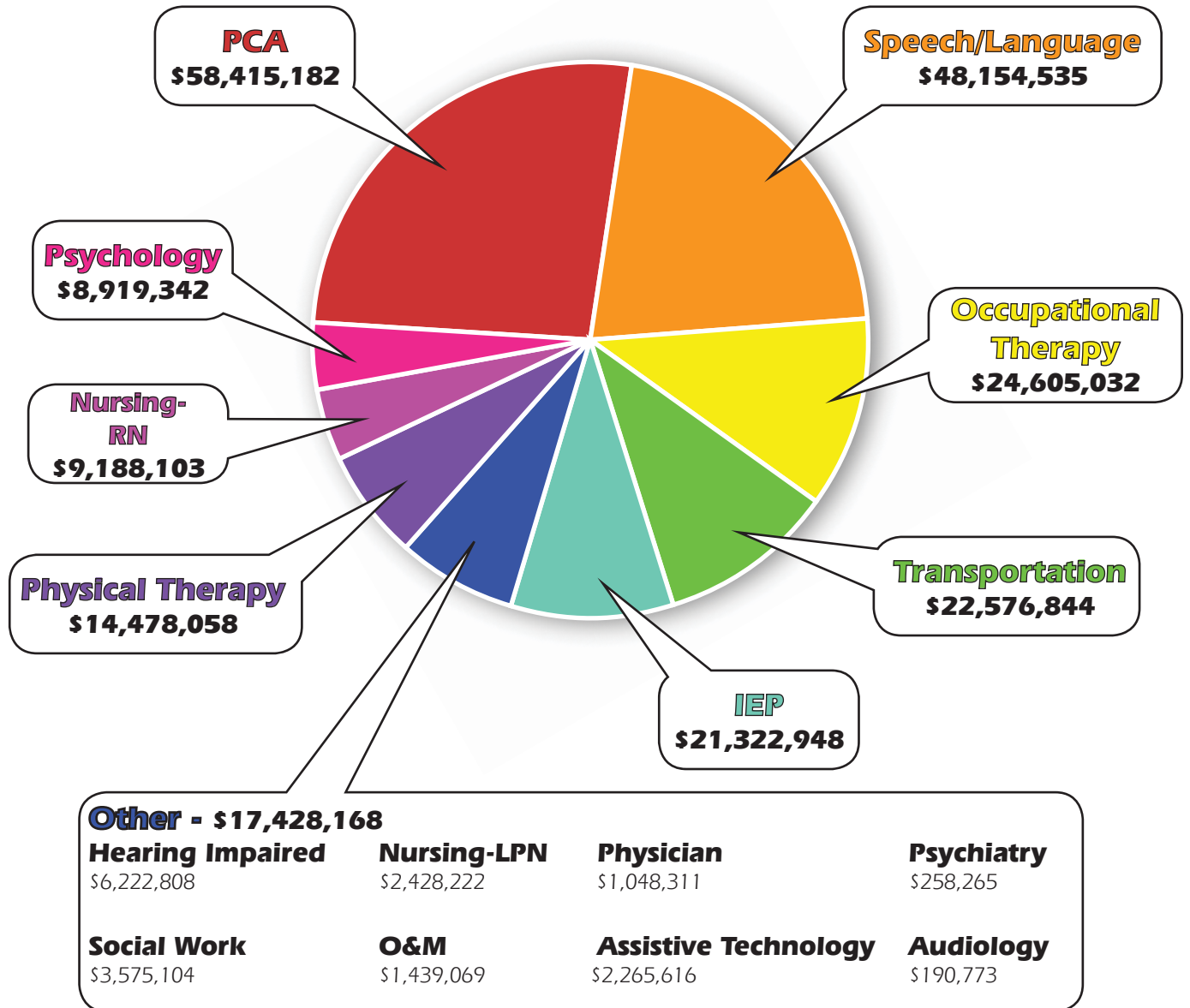
From the program’s inception in 1992 through June 2002, more than \$225 million was recovered through SBAP on behalf of LEAs across the Commonwealth. The chart below reflects funds recovered for 2002-03 through 2007-08 only.



# Services Distribution

The following chart illustrates the distribution of funds by service specialty. Figures are representative of the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 school years.

Since the inception of SBAP in 1992, school entities have recovered more than **\$804 million** in federal Medicaid reimbursement.



Since the inception of the PA Administrative Time Study Program in 1994, school entities have recovered more than **\$94 million** in federal Medicaid reimbursement (not reflected in the pie chart) through this program.

# Top Ten School Entities

The following school entities ranked in the Top 10 based on reimbursement received for the 2007-2008 school year (from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008).

## School Districts

Altoona Area .....	\$1,452,854
Central Bucks .....	\$968,196
SD of Pittsburgh .....	\$966,842
Boyertown Area .....	\$929,910
Parkland .....	\$860,328
Penridge .....	\$828,243
Spring-Ford Area .....	\$826,437
West Chester Area .....	\$780,225
Reading .....	\$715,165
Harrisburg City .....	\$691,747

## Intermediate Units

Philadelphia Area .....	\$5,021,755
Lincoln IU 12 .....	\$3,562,732
Bucks County IU 22 .....	\$2,449,604
Chester County IU 24 .....	\$1,722,119
Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 .....	\$1,614,381
Luzerne IU 18 .....	\$1,267,668
Allegheny IU 3 .....	\$1,201,323
Montgomery County IU 23 .....	\$1,033,807
Carbon-Lehigh IU 21 .....	\$1,006,119
Central Susquehanna IU 16 .....	\$999,898

## Approved Private Schools

Western PA School for the Blind.....	\$818,326
Easter Seals Southeast .....	\$802,184
Children’s Inst. of Pittsburgh.....	\$777,780
Davidson School .....	\$581,423
George Crothers Memorial School...	\$493,525
Educ. Center at DT Watson.....	\$481,683
Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Center .....	\$423,903
Western PA School for the Deaf .....	\$405,310
Overbrook School for the Blind.....	\$369,574
DePaul Institute.....	\$298,376

## Charter Schools

Philadelphia Academy.....	\$277,265
Chester Community .....	\$237,975
Avon Grove .....	\$209,642
Village CS of Chester .....	\$44,440
Mariana Bracetti Academy .....	\$40,243
Renaissance Advantage .....	\$33,679
First Philadelphia/Literacy.....	\$32,244
Spectrum .....	\$22,797
Belmont .....	\$22,488
Independence.....	\$22,168

## Early Intervention

Elwyn Inc. - Philadelphia .....	\$2,409,448
Bucks County IU 22 .....	\$1,605,322
Montgomery County IU 23 .....	\$1,307,825
Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 .....	\$1,196,769
Delaware County IU 25.....	\$1,160,110
School District of Pittsburgh.....	\$997,741
Allegheny IU 3 .....	\$732,825
Capital Area IU 15 .....	\$714,664
Berks County IU 14.....	\$688,392
Chester County IU 24.....	\$662,742

# 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 2007-2008 school year.

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

### Over 8,000 students

North Penn SD	\$638,641
Hazleton Area SD	\$619,537
Downingtown Area SD	\$547,380
Scranton SD	\$489,421
North Allegheny SD	\$488,017

### 3,000-3,999 students

Pottstown SD	\$352,282
Daniel Boone Area SD	\$276,510
Trinity Area SD	\$275,334
Berwick Area SD	\$264,189
Hampton Township SD	\$260,290

### 6,000-7,999 students

Butler Area SD	\$683,507
Abington SD	\$510,468
Coatesville Area SD	\$373,397
Norristown Area SD	\$336,802
Lower Marion SD	\$334,125

### 2,000-2,999 students

Springfield Township SD	\$376,408
Yough SD	\$330,666
Punxsutawney Area SD	\$322,594
Northern Tioga SD	\$291,866
Corry Area SD	\$260,909

### 5,000-5,999 students

Williamsport Area SD	\$636,817
Armstrong SD	\$567,141
Penn Hills SD	\$502,310
Shaler Area SD	\$391,615
Mount Lebanon SD	\$323,732

### 1,000-1,999 students

Wilkesburg Boro SD	\$485,080
Big Beaver Falls Area SD	\$340,063
Quaker Valley SD	\$300,303
Philipsburg-Osceola SD	\$296,239
Carbondale Area SD	\$237,787

### 4,000-4,999 students

Owen J Roberts SD	\$590,162
Upper St Clair SD	\$463,736
Wallenpaupack Area SD	\$403,435
Fox Chapel Area SD	\$401,925
Garnet Valley SD	\$399,605

### Fewer than 1,000 students

Harmony Area SD	\$144,661
Clairton City SD	\$130,911
West Greene SD	\$119,975
Monaca SD	\$82,965
Rochester Area SD	\$80,515

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