


# SBAP



## School-Based ACCESS Program

*News for participants in the School-Based ACCESS Program*

The Bureau of Program Integrity (BPI), a branch of the Department of Public Welfare (DPW), is federally mandated to prevent, identify and combat fraud, waste and abuse. BPI is responsible for monitoring providers' compliance with Medical Assistance (MA) regulations. As the School-Based ACCESS Program is one of the largest MA submitters in the state, it is imperative that your school employ a system of checks and balances to ensure your MA compliance.

## SBAP Checklist Critical to Compliance

As we pass the halfway point for the 2008-2009 school year, Leader is providing the following checklist to help ensure your compliance with MA regulations:

- ✓ Verify that MA students' IEPs indicate the health-related service provided (including special transportation) and include the frequency and duration. If claiming for PCA services, ensure the individualized support areas are clearly defined in the IEP.
- ✓ Verify that parental consent and medical authorization forms are on file for all students for whom you are billing.
- ✓ Review provider logs to ensure the monthly notes fully describe the student's overall progress for the month.
- ✓ Verify that your special transportation attendance logs are on file for all eligible students. Reconcile your special transportation logs against Leader's special transportation claims report.
- ✓ Verify your student and provider attendance records.
- ✓ Ensure that your providers meet all SBAP qualifications and have the proper credentials.

Providers have an ethical and legal obligation to return payments to DPW for services that do not meet MA requirements.

### Moratorium for ACP, Transportation Extended



President Obama's economic recovery package extends the moratorium on CMS Rule 2287-F until June 30, 2009.

The CMS rule is intended to eliminate the school-based Medicaid Administrative Claiming Program and special transportation billing to and from school.

### Self-disclosure protocol under consideration

PDE and DPW are working to establish a protocol by which schools would self-report/disclose MA payments that were received for unsubstantiated claims or claims that were submitted in error.

A school may be asked to provide BPI with a corrective action plan (CAP) that describes the procedures that will be implemented to assure future compliance.



### New PDE Liaison Joins SBAP

Leader is pleased to announce that Elizabeth Zeisloft joins Roni Russell as a PDE liaison for SBAP.

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