

***“The secret of getting ahead is getting started.”***  
Sally Berger

**SBAP**

**School Based ACCESS Program**



The School-Based ACCESS Program, also referred to as SBAP, is a partnership between the PA Department of Education (PDE) and the PA Department of Welfare (DPW).

Currently, we are using local and state tax dollars to buy extra ordinary items for our Special Education students. The SBAP program allows the district to be partially reimbursed through ACCESS for medically related services. The program also provides medical insurance to the individual recipient. As the guardian, you would be able to use the Medical Assistance (MA) as a secondary insurance to pick-up out of pocket expenses that you currently incur such as co-pays and prescription drug coverage. If you currently pay for your child to be insured, you may decide to use the Medical Assistance as the primary insurance for your child, just check with your primary care physician to make sure that they accept MA.

The following services are covered under the SBAP Program: Assistive Devices, Audiology, IEP Meetings, Interpreter, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Orientation and Mobility, Personal Care Assistant, Physical Therapy, Physician, Psychiatric, Psychology, Social Work, Speech, Language and Hearing, Teacher of the Hearing Impaired, Special Transportation, and Vision.

Funds received from the SBAP must be used within the LEA’s special education program. All payments are directed to PDE and reside in a restricted account for each participating LEA. Funds are returned to SBAP providers via a simple request procedure.

***Please note, this program DOES NOT affect your current insurance coverage and/or costs. There is no additional expense for anyone. Help us provide additional services, supplies and equipment to our students by signing up for ACCESS***

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

To apply for MA, click on link below

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/omap/provinc/maforms/omappa600ch.pdf>

or contact:

**Berks County Assistance Office**  
Reading State Office Building  
625 Cherry Street, Room 215  
Reading, PA 19602-1188  
Phone: 610-736-4211 Fax:  
610-736-4004 LIHEAP: 610-  
736-4228 or 866-215-3911