

How do I apply for SBAP/ Medical Assistance?

The application may be done online through the Pennsylvania online service **COMPASS** and can be found at www.compass.state.pa.us

I looked online and the process looks overwhelming!

Our Mental Health Specialists and Student Services can help. They will provide you with more information about the SBAP and the application. Process.



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School Based Medical Access Program

What is School Based Medical Access?

The Pennsylvania Department of Education and Federal Law allows school districts and parents to seek reimbursement from a program called the School Based Medical Access Program (SBAP). SBAP is funded through Medical Assistance (MA) for healthcare services provided to the student.

Eligibility for this program is not based on family or student income and does not require a co-pay. It is available to students who have an eligible disability and require certain health-based related services. Both the student and the school district can benefit from SBAP.



What services are eligible for participation in the School Based Access Program?

Services include but are not limited too:

- Assistive Technology Devices
- Hearing
- 1:1 Aide
- Audiology
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Psychiatry
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Speech
- Vision

What does this program mean to me as a parent?

SBAP/MA does not affect the services that your child receives through their school program. Enrollment in SBAP/MA could provide your child with additional services. Your child needs to apply and be approved for both SBAP and Medical Assistance.

A child may qualify for SBAP/MA if she or he has a disability or special health care needs regardless of family/parental income or financial assets. A list of eligible disabilities is available from your school.

What if my child already has health insurance?

A child can qualify for participation in the SBAP /MA even if she or he has other insurance.

How does SBAP benefit the school?

The District may receive partial reimbursement for the cost of specific eligible services provided for your child.



What does the School Based Access Program/ Medical Assistance mean to my child?

At present children between ages 3 - 21 who have medical assistance are entitled to all medically necessary health care services and treatment. It currently does not exclude any pre-existing conditions.

Services currently include:

- Behavioral Health Services
- Psychological Services
- Psychiatric Services
- Prescriptions without co-pay
- Summer Therapeutic Camp
- Family-based Services
- Community Waiver Programs
- Certain health related supplies

Please contact your child's school Mental Health Specialist for any assistance or further information. Contact information is provided on the back of this brochure.