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SUBJECT School-Based ACCESS Program Provider Handbook Mid-Year Update	BY Sally Kozak, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs	

IMPORTANT REMINDER: All providers must revalidate the Medical Assistance (MA) enrollment of each service location every 5 years. Providers should log into PROMISE to check the revalidation dates of each service location and submit revalidation applications at least 60 days prior to the revalidation dates. Enrollment (revalidation) applications may be found at: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/PROMISE-Enrollment.aspx>.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to issue a mid-year update of the School-Based ACCESS Program (SBAP) provider handbook to Local Education Agencies (LEA) enrolled in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program who provide school-based services through SBAP.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all LEAs enrolled in the MA Program and participating in the SBAP.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

In accordance with 55 Pa. Code § 1101.68(a), related to invoicing for services, SBAP providers are to bill for MA services or items in accordance with the instructions contained in the provider handbook. The SBAP provider handbook is a compilation of federal and state requirements, forms, and resources for SBAP providers.

The Department of Human Services (Department) last updated the SBAP provider handbook on September 22, 2020 (see [MA Bulletin 35-20-01](#)). Since that time, the Department revised the provider qualifications for Orientation, Mobility and Vision services and expanded delivery methods to allow for the provision of some SBAP services via telemedicine. The provider handbook is being updated to reflect these changes. Providers should also refer to MA Bulletin 99-21-06, titled “Guidelines for Delivery of Physical Health Services via Telemedicine,” and any subsequent guidance issued by the Department regarding the use of telemedicine.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The appropriate toll-free number for your provider type

Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs Web site at:
<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Health%20Care%20for%20Providers/Contact-Information-for-Providers.aspx>.

Providers are responsible to remain current on all policies, regulations, and laws related to the provision of services compensable through SBAP.

The SBAP provider handbook is updated on a periodic basis. The Department anticipates additional updates to the SBAP provider handbook to be issued later this year. Requests for updates to the SBAP provider handbook may be submitted to the following Resource Account address: RA-PWSBAP@pa.gov. All requests will be considered for future updates of the SBAP provider handbook.

PROCEDURES:

SBAP providers are to follow the requirements in the SBAP provider handbook. SBAP providers should refer to the updated SBAP provider handbook, dated May 2022, for participation requirements and billing procedures for MA payment for SBAP services. The updated sections are highlighted and can be viewed on the SBAP resource page at the following link: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/School-Based-ACCESS-Program.aspx>.

OBSOLETE:

This bulletin obsoletes the communication to LEAs titled, *“Providing Direct Services via Telemedicine in the School-Based ACCESS Program (SBAP) During the 2020-2021 School Year,”* issued December 23, 2020.

ATTACHMENT:

Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, School-Based ACCESS Program Handbook, May 2022.