

# The SBAP Monthly

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## Check your Referring Practitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) Enrollment!

Every MA provider must be actively enrolled on the date of service for a claim to result in payment. That includes the rendering provider (Local Education Agency (LEA)) *and* the practitioner who signed the Medical Practitioner Authorization Form (MPAF) authorizing the service. Remember that both you and your authorizing practitioner need to revalidate your MA enrollment every 5 years. Do you know when the revalidation is due? Have you seen denials on your monthly management reports related to your authorizing practitioner's enrollment? Ensure you have successful claiming activity in each service category in which you plan to report costs for Cost Settlement!

## Specialized Transportation Ratios for Cost Reporting

With the change to the MPAF to now include a vehicular accommodation for specialized transportation services (effective 10/01/2024), LEAs have been reaching out about how to report for transportation ratios. Because each LEA may have different transportation systems, SBAP staff want to be mindful to advise on all possibilities. Here are a few considerations:

### One Way Trip Ratio

1. MPAFs signed before 10/01/2024 did not require the additional vehicular accommodation detail. Any specialized transportation services which were billed under the authority of an MPAF which was signed before 10/01/2024 could be included in the specialized transportation ratios (such as the one-way trip ratio).
2. MPAFs signed on or after 10/01/2024 are expected to have the additional vehicular accommodation detail **and match the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP)**.
  - o If the MPAF lists a vehicular accommodation but the IEP does not, this is an audit risk. Once discovered, your LEA should void any claims that were paid for that student past those dates of service, and those trips should not be included in the one-way trip ratio.
  - o If the MPAF lists a vehicular accommodation and so does the IEP, those trips can be included.

### Only Specialized Transportation vs. Not Only Specialized Transportation

1. When considering the costs of your vehicles, first consider whether the actual vehicle was physically modified or different from a regular bus, rather than considering which students rode in that vehicle. If the vehicle was not physically modified, it would not be considered specialized transportation.
2. Because specialized transportation will always be limited to a student's IEP, as clarified by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, once you have isolated your vehicles, then you can consider which students were on the bus. As an example, if a physically modified vehicle was used to transport only one student and that student received this modification for any reason other than it was ordered in their IEP, like a temporary physician's order or because the student is homeless, that vehicle could not be considered specialized transportation.
3. Isolating the costs to only specialized transportation vehicles could help alleviate administrative burden.
  - o If you cannot isolate your costs, the specialized transportation ratio would consider the total number of special education students with specialized transportation services in their IEP (using the 10/01/2024 MPAF modification as described above) against the total number of all students receiving transportation services.

## FY25-26 Documents

Updated Fiscal Year (FY) 25-26 Provider Logs are posted on the Department of Human Services' SBAP Website (<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/for-providers/ma-for-providers/sbap.html>). Additionally, FY25-26 calendars have been posted to the Sivic Solutions Group SBAP Website under "Basic Info" (<https://pasbap.ssghosting.com/MAIN/Home.aspx?m=1>). Please contact us with any questions: <https://pasbap.ssghosting.com/MAIN/Contact.aspx>.