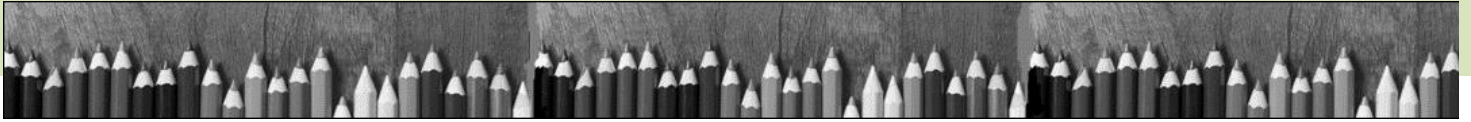


# The SBAP Monthly

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## **National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME) - 2025 Membership Drive**

Investing in the professional development of Local Education Agency (LEA) staff is one of the Department of Human Services (DHS) SBAP staff's priorities. To support that goal, DHS is covering the cost of one annual membership to NAME for each participating LEA. Memberships will be offered for each year of the three-year federal grant Pennsylvania was awarded in 2024. Last year's membership drive resulted in over 300 new memberships for Pennsylvania LEAs!

This year, we have over 500 participating LEAs who have submitted a signed LEA Agreement to participate in the program. SBAP staff will reach out to those who signed up last year for interest in maintaining membership for the current recipient. If your LEA did not sign up last year and would like a membership this year, please provide your information on the attached form and submit to [RA-PWSBAPforms@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PWSBAPforms@pa.gov).

## **Annual NAME Conference - "For the LOVE of Medicaid" - in Philadelphia for 2025!**

As part of Pennsylvania's federal grant award, LEA staff are invited to apply for coverage to attend the 2025 annual NAME Conference. This provides an opportunity to connect with and hear from other state's program staff, and to get greater insight into how this program is shifting on the national level. The 2025 conference will be held in our home state of Pennsylvania, and we are able to extend this opportunity to more LEA staff this year!

The details of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual NAME Conference are:

- October 7 - 10, 2025
- Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown, 201 N 17<sup>th</sup> St Philadelphia, PA 19103
- Theme: For the **LOVE** of Medicaid

For information about the agenda and more, visit:

<https://site.pheedloop.com/event/23RDANNUALNAME/home>

DHS will be selecting up to six local (not requiring overnight lodging) and six non-local attendees for this year's conference. The selection will focus on new attendees and having representation from across the Commonwealth. If you are interested in attending this year's NAME Conference in Philadelphia to represent your LEA, please complete the attached form to provide your information and submit to: [RA-PWSBAPforms@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PWSBAPforms@pa.gov) by **August 22**.

The LEA participants selected will have their registration, accommodation, and meals costs covered as part of Pennsylvania's federal grant award. Conference registration includes a year of NAME membership as a voting member. Awardees will be notified by email no later than **September 12** with additional information regarding how other conference expenses will be addressed through grant funding.

**Remember:** Costs for professional memberships and professional development can be reported for reimbursement calculations, as long as they are offset by any portion which is covered by federal funds.