



EL DORADO
CHARTERSELPA
Fiscal Update



March 2020 Fiscal Update

Business Team Staffing Change

Longtime Charter SELPA Accountant Erin Finnell has been promoted to manager of the SELPA Business Team. As you are all aware, Erin has provided excellent service to our partners and is a tremendous asset to the SELPA. She is very deserving of this new role. Congratulations, Erin!

And, welcome to your new primary Accountant, Amy Wong. Amy comes to us from the Superior Court of California/County of El Dorado and brings an extensive accounting background. Amy joined our team in mid-January and has jumped in with both feet.

We are very excited to recognize Erin and welcome Amy.

2019-20 State & Federal Budget Advice

- 19-20 state rate = **\$538.00** per 2019-20 P-2 ADA (before admin fee & set-aside for new charters)
- 19-20 federal rate = **\$125.00** per 2018-19 Enrollment/CBEDS (before admin fee)

2019-20 P-1/Annual Certification

CDE released the P-1/Annual certification on February 20, 2020 with reduced ADA for the 2018-19 Annual certification. Due to a reduction for all A3 schools' ADA within the SELPA from 13,765 to **zero**, there was a significant negative impact on current year funding. To allow time for a special meeting of the CEO Council, where solutions to the funding cut could be discussed, the distribution of the 2020 February state special education funding was delayed until **Friday, March 13, 2020**. We will be posting all updated fiscal reports to the Charter SELPA Business page by Friday, March 13, 2020, as well.

2019-20 Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Pre-Test

The 2019-20 Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Pre-Test will be released on Friday, March 13, 2020 and will be due Friday, March 20, 2020. **All SELPA members must complete this report**, regardless of whether federal funding is expected in 2019-20. The pre-test is not only a means to evaluate whether federal MOE requirements will be met before the window to make adjustments to your spending passes, but also an opportunity to analyze overall special

education spending from all revenue sources prior to year-end. In conjunction with completing the pre-test, we recommend that our partners who were required to pass the MOE last year review their 2018-19 Actual-to-Actual and Subsequent Year Tracking submissions, which may be viewed in the [Fiscal Portal](#), as this is the basis for your comparison data in 2019-20.

The MOE Pre-Test has two components:

- **Actual-Actual:** The Actual-Actual is for the current year (2019-20) and all anticipated special education expenses through June 30, 2020, should be accounted for. The Actual-Actual compares data for the current year to the data from the last passing year for each individual test. Should you meet or exceed spending, you will pass that test, resetting the comparison data going forward. Should you not meet any of the four tests at year-end, you will forfeit your federal funds.
- **Actual-Budget:** The Actual-Budget is for the budget year (2020-21) and all anticipated special education expenses for the 2020-21 school year should be accounted for. The Actual-Budget compares data for the budget year to the data from the last passing year for each individual test. Should you meet or exceed spending, you will pass that test. This does not reset your comparison year but does allow federal funding in the next year.

The MOE requires four tests on these budget components, with the obligation to meet one. However, because of the nature of the MOE requirements, funding variances, budgeting changes, and unanticipated program changes, we strongly encourage meeting as many tests as possible by utilizing eligible exemptions. These exemptions are outlined on the MOE Pre-Test:

- Eligible staffing changes
- Reduction in Special Education Unduplicated Pupil Counts
- Reduction in services to students
- Eligible one-time expenses

If you have any questions regarding the MOE Pre-Test, we are happy to work with you as you navigate the reporting. This is a valuable glimpse at the results of the year-end MOE testing, and the information is vital to dealing with any potential MOE issues prior to year-end.

2019-20 Mental Health Funding

ERMHS Level 2

ERMHS Level 2 Budget Requests were submitted, reviewed, and initial payments made in two separate check runs on February 28, 2020 and March 6, 2020. If you are expecting ERMHS Level 2 funding and did not receive payment, it is likely that you have outstanding issues with your Budget Request that need to be resolved.

ERMHS Level 3

For all Level 3 categories, students must be identified in SEIS with ED as a “Primary” or “Secondary” disability.

Level 3 Site Based Structured Therapeutic Program – 80% funded

- An Annual Mental Health Plan AND budget request for Level 3 site based structured therapeutic program reimbursement must have been filed via the [Fiscal Portal](#) by November 1, 2019.

Level 3 NPS ERMHS* – 90% funded

- Eligible ERMHS expenditures only. Educational costs are the responsibility of the charter member.

Level 3 NPS Residential Room and Board* – 100% funded

- Expenditure reporting triggers reimbursement.

*Throughout the year, there are four available expenditure reporting windows for Level 3 NPS and NPS residential placements. The next expenditure reporting is due April 21, 2020.

Low Incidence and Legal Risk Pool

For Low Incidence and Legal Risk Pool reimbursements, please submit claims as soon as you are aware of them. There is no need to wait until you have actually incurred the expenditure. The sooner we are aware of claims, the better we are able to finalize claims and manage the overall budget. The [Fiscal Portal](#) is available now for claim submissions. Additional information on the [Low Incidence Guidelines](#) and the [Legal Risk Pool Guidelines](#) are available on the [Charter SELPA website](#).

Important Upcoming Dates

- **3/20/2020** – MOE Pre-Test Due
- **4/21/2020** – ERMHS Level 3 Expenditures Due
- **4/22/2020** – Federal Expenditure Report #2/Projected 2020-21 P-2 ADA Due
- **5/1/2020** – Legal Risk Pool Reimbursement Requests Due
- **5/1/2020** – Low Incidence Pool Reimbursement Requests Due

Handy Links

- [2019-20 Funding Detail](#)
- [2019-20 State Cash Flow Projection](#)
- [2019-20 Federal Cash Flow Projection](#)
- [2019-20 Admin Fee Rates](#)
- [2019-20 Fiscal Calendar](#)
- [Fiscal Portal](#)