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CHARTERSELPA

Fiscal Update



January 2021

The SELPA offices will be closed Monday, January 18, 2021.

Happy New Year!

From our team to yours, may you enjoy a productive and successful 2021.

2019-20 Audit Report Submissions

Charter schools that operated in 2019-20, regardless of SELPA membership, are required to provide a copy of the 2019-20 independent audit report to the SELPA. Upload via the [Fiscal Portal](#) is available, and a public site can be used when the audit firm itself is uploading the report. **Audit reports should be submitted as they are finalized.** Unless your school has formally notified the SELPA of an SB 98-related delay, audits were expected to the SELPA by December 15. The [portal upload link](#) is now available, as is the [public upload link](#).

2020-21 Budget Advice

We encourage all partners to review the recorded Q&A webinar on the 2020-21 budget for important information on the state budget and impacts on special education funding. The [recording](#) is available on the Charter SELPA Business page.

- 2020-21 Charter Member Rate (State) = \$625.00 per 2020-21 P-2 ADA (before admin fee & set-aside for new charters). 2020-21 P-2 ADA will be equal to 2019-20 P-2 ADA plus any qualified growth funding, as described in SB820.
- 2020-21 Federal Rate = \$125.00 per 2019-20 Enrollment/Fall 1 (before admin fee)
- ERMHS Level 1 = \$10/PY ADA (opt-in required).
- ERMHS Level 2 = 80% of the lesser of \$3,000/December 1 SEIS service count or ERMHS budget (opt-in required)
- ERMHS Level 3 Site-Based Therapeutic = 80% of approved budget (Fiscal Portal submission required)..
- ERMHS Level 3 NPS = 90% of eligible ERMHS services (Fiscal Portal submission required).
- ERMHS Level 3 RTC = 100% of eligible Room and Board (Fiscal Portal submission required).
- Low Incidence = Up to \$1,000 for eligible materials/services per student, which may increase upon final funding determination (Fiscal Portal submission required).



Two Data Submissions Due in January

The ERMHS Level 2 Budget Request and Mid-Year Expenditure Report are both due this month. See details below for each of the reports, and please do not hesitate to let us know how we can support you for timely filing.

2020-21 Mid-Year Expenditure Reporting

The [report](#) is available in the Fiscal Portal and is due **Friday, January 22, 2021**. The Mid-Year Expenditure Report should include all actual special education expenses through December 31, 2020. This required report serves a two-fold purpose:

1. Federal Expenditure Reporting: If you are receiving federal funds in the 2020-21 year, this is the first opportunity to report your expenditures and begin the flow of federal cash.
2. State Expenditure Reporting: We use this report to analyze spending throughout the SELPA. Even if you are not receiving federal funds, you must still complete the Mid-Year Expenditure report.

2020-21 ERMHS Level 2 Budget Request

The ERMHS Level 2 [Budget Request](#) is due **Friday, January 15, 2021**. The budget template is opened in the Fiscal Portal after approval of your 2020-21 Annual Mental Health Plan. The Budget Request is the final step in determining preliminary funding for your LEA's special education Level 2 ERMHS program. It is important that your program and fiscal teams work together to complete the request.

Preliminary funding for each SELPA partner is determined by calculating 80% of the lesser of two components: \$3,000 per your December 1, 2020, SEIS service count OR your submitted budget. Your budget should be based on ALL special education students served or anticipated to be served in the 2020-21 year. It should not be based only on the students included in the December 1 SEIS pull. When determining your budget, note that only the direct service time, per the IEP, is eligible for reimbursement. The [Funding Guidelines](#) detail eligible services and expenditures for which you may request reimbursement.

***Update* 2020-21 ERMHS Level 1 Funding**

In addition to regular Levels 2 and 3 ERMHS funding, the CEO Council approved one-time Level 1 mental health funding for 2020-21. The funding will flow at \$10/ADA and is intended to support anticipated increases in general education mental health needs resulting from extended COVID-related conditions.

In previous years, ERMHS revenue was restricted to special education expenditures and was distributed under Resource 6512. Therefore, the Charter SELPA's ERMHS reserves are held as Resource 6512. Beginning in the 2020-21 fiscal year, state ERMHS funding will be distributed under a new Resource code. The SELPA will issue Level 1 funding intended for

general education spending (Goal 1110) as Resource 6546. All other ERMHS funding intended for special education spending (Goal 5xxx) will be issued as Resource 6547 or 6512.

We advise thoughtful monitoring of the use of your mental health funding this year, as these expenditure decisions may impact your Special Education MOE compliance in subsequent years. In particular, you should carefully consider decisions to direct any Resource 6546 revenue (Level 1) to special education or to direct any Resource 6547 revenue to general education.

ERMHS Level 3 Funding

Level 3 NPS/Residential funding requests for **continuing placements from 2019-20 should have already been submitted**. Requests for new placements are to be submitted via the Fiscal Portal within 30 days of the placement. 2020-21 Master Contract and ISA templates are currently available on the [business web page](#). Expenditure reporting triggers Level 3 reimbursement. Throughout the year, there are four available expenditure reporting windows for NPS and NPS residential placements. The next expenditure reporting window closes on January 15.

2020-21 Low Incidence Funding

Low Incidence funds are available for use on behalf of students certified as having a low Incidence primary or secondary disability through the assessment and IEP process. The 2020-21 state budget provides for an increase in Low Incidence revenue to the SELPA, which allows for greater reimbursements to our partners.

The minimum claim is \$600 and the reimbursement amount per Low Incidence claim has been set at \$1,000 for 2020-21. The maximum will be determined when all claims are submitted. The [Low Incidence Reimbursement Request](#) is currently available in the [Fiscal Portal](#). We recommend submitting your request in the Fiscal Portal as soon as possible so we may begin our review process. Requests can be made based on anticipated expenditures; final funding is based on expenditures reported at year-end. You can find additional information on reimbursement requirements in the [Low Incidence Guidelines](#).

Important Upcoming Dates

01/01/21 - SELPA offices closed

01/15/21 – ERMHS Level 2 Budget Requests Due (available now)

01/15/21 – Second ERMHS Level 3 NPS and Residential Expenditure Reporting Due

01/22/21 – Mid Year Expenditure Report Due (available now)

Handy Links

- [Fiscal Portal](#)
- [Funding Detail](#)
- [State Cash Flow Projection](#)



- [Federal Cash Flow Projection](#)
- [Admin Fee Rates](#)
- [Fiscal Calendar](#)

