

CHARTERSELPA Fiscal Update



June 2021 Fiscal Update

Governor's 2021-22 Revised Budget

Special Education highlights of Governor Newsom's May Revision budget proposal:

- Increased COLA from 1.5% to 4.05% COLA (no 1.00% "bonus" COLA as proposed for LCFF).
- Increased funding rate from \$625.00 to \$650.31/ADA.
- SELPA funded on greatest of prior prior, prior or current year ADA.
- Only deferral remaining = June 2022 to July 2022.
- Not addressed, so expecting no change to:
 - Basic structure of AB 602 funding model.
 - Elimination of (proration factor) going forward.
 - Low Incidence funding (\$3,050 per LI student).
 - Expanded use of ERMHS funding (continues to be available for all students).

Open Office Hours - Year-End Reporting

To provide support to your year-end processing, we have added three days of "open office hours" to the Charter SELPA fiscal calendar. On each of the the three days listed below, partners may enter the Zoom meeting at any time between 7:30 AM and 5:00 PM and our team will be available to answer your questions.

- July 8: Zoom Meeting ID: 941 9826 8506, Passcode: 956419
- August 12: Zoom Meeting ID: 984 5533 1349, Passcode: 848078
- August 31: Zoom Meeting ID: 979 8108 2524. Passcode: 154709

Federal Revenue Update

We still have not yet received the final payment for the 2019-20 grant, but are expecting CDE to again begin processing prior year expenditure reports now that the current year grant is complete. We will distribute payments for 2019-20 accrued federal revenues as soon as we receive the funds.

Expenditure reports for 2020-21 federal expenditure reports #1 and #2 have been sent to CDE. Based on CDE's turnaround time as of late, we expect that the full federal allocation will need to be accrued at year end.

2020-21 Low Incidence Funding

Low Incidence Reimbursement Requests were due by May 3, 2021. 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.

All requests made this year will be paid in full. The influx of low incidence revenue was sufficient to fund all claims submitted. We are still in process of reviewing claims and will be reaching out with any items that need attention.

Final expenditure reporting will be required for all approved claims. The expenditure report will be made available by July 1, 2021, with all expenditures related to approved reimbursement requests being due on July 15, 2021.

2020-21 Budget Advice

- 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 = \$132.36 per 2019-20 Enrollment/Fall 1 (before admin fee).
- ERMHS Level 1 = \$10/PY ADA (opt-in required).
- Low Incidence = Up to \$1,000 for eligible materials/services per student, which may increase upon final funding determination (Fiscal Portal submission required).

The following reimbursement percentages were increased at the final 20-21 finding of sufficiency:

- ERMHS Level 2 = 95% of the lesser of \$3,000/December 1 SEIS service count or ERMHS budget (opt-in required).
- ERMHS Level 3 Site-Based Therapeutic = 95% of approved budget (Fiscal Portal submission required).
- ERMHS Level 3 NPS = 95% of eligible ERMHS services (Fiscal Portal submission required).
- ERMHS Level 3 RTC = 100% of eligible Room & Board (Fiscal Portal submission required).

2021-22 State & Federal Budget Advice

- 2021-22 Charter Member Rate (State) = \$650.31 per 2021-22 P-2 ADA (before admin fee & set-aside for new charters).
- 2020-21 Federal Rate = \$125.00 per 2020-21 Enrollment/Fall 1 (before admin fee).
- Low Incidence = Up to \$1,000 for eligible materials/services per student, which may increase upon final funding determination (Fiscal Portal submission required).

2021-22 Administrative Fees

The 2021-22 Administrative Fee rate for each Charter SELPA partner is posted <u>here</u>.

2020-21 Mental Health Funding

ERMHS Cash Flow Projections are now posted on the SELPA business <u>web page</u> in the Mental Health (ERMHS) Funding section.

ERMHS Level 1

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 is intended to support anticipated increases in general education mental health needs resulting from extended COVID-related conditions.

As a reminder, 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. Final expenditure reporting will be required for Level 1. If any Level 1 revenue was spent on special education expenses, that will be reported on the Year-End Maintenance of Effort report.

ERMHS Level 3

Level 3 NPS/Residential funding requests are to be submitted via the <u>Fiscal Portal</u> within 30 days of the placement. You can now find the 2021-22 Master Contract and ISA templates on the SELPA business <u>web page</u>.

Fiscal Committee Meeting – June 3, 2021

The Charter SELPA CEO Council meets twice each year (fall and spring). Fiscal Committee meetings are an opportunity for all Charter SELPA business staff to receive updates from the CEO Council meetings. These online meetings are scheduled shortly after each CEO Council meeting. The meetings provide a quick update on any CEO Council actions that impact the business office, as well as updates related to state, federal, and educationally related mental health funding. All materials are subsequently posted on our website. The Spring Fiscal Committee meeting takes place on June 3, 2021, at 10:00 am. Please register to attend.

Important Upcoming Dates

06/03/21 – Fiscal Committee Meeting (online)
07/08/21 – MOE Open Office Hours – Final Expenditure Reporting
07/12/21 – Final 2020-21 Expenditure Report Due (Federal, ERMHS, Low Incidence)
08/12/21 – MOE Open Office Hours
08/31/21 – MOE Open Office Hours

Handy Links

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