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Fiscal Update



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Additional COVID-19 Funding (2021-22 State Budget)

The opt-in/out period has now concluded for the special education COVID-related Dispute Prevention (RS 6536) and Learning Recovery (RS 6537) funding. Consult the fiscal [webpage](#) in the “Additional Funding” section for all resources related to the funding. These resources include recalculated partner funding projections based on the LEAs that have opted out of each funding stream.

CALPADS Reporting

Fall 1 reporting is right around the corner on Wednesday, October 6. The SELPA would like to use this time to reiterate some previous guidance around the importance of CALPADS reporting, especially as it relates to funding:

State-level data is generated from local data systems. As the state continues to build-out and increase its reliance on CALPADS for educational data, effective CALPADS data management at your LEA is increasingly vital. Since CALPADS data is used to determine funding, accurate data and the ability to meet certification deadlines are exceedingly relevant to the fiscal health of your charter school.

LEAs that have built cross-departmental data teams, with collaboration between CALPADS data

coordinators and special education coordinators, have met deadlines earlier and have had more time to ensure data accuracy than those that did not. Some LEAs have been severely challenged to meet deadlines because siloed data teams are working against each other.

All of this points to the need for a focus from school leadership on effective planning and management of internal data functions. FCMAT recommends two benchmarks to strive for to assist with timely CALPADS submissions:

1. Completing all data entry and clearing all input validations within 30 days of the submission start date.
2. Clearing all certification errors at least three weeks prior to the deadline to give staff, both the CALPADS data coordinator and the special education coordinator, ample time for review and work through any necessary corrections.

Leadership and action are needed at the LEA level to foster a local data culture that recognizes the importance of high-quality information for the benefit of students.

2021-22 Cash Advance Application

Charters in their first year with the Charter SELPA are excluded from participating in the advance apportionment and will not generate state special education funding until February of 2022. Although CDE delays funding, a charter school is still responsible to provide special education services to students.

In order to mitigate the fiscal impact of this delay in first year cash flow, the Charter SELPA allocation plan enables a low-interest cash advance to charters that are new to the SELPA in 2021-22.

[Cash Advance Flyer \(for New Partners\)](#)

Fiscal Committee Meeting – October 27, 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 Fall Fiscal Committee meeting takes place on October 27, 2021, at 10:00 am. Please [register](#) to attend.

Federal Revenue Update

Final 2019-20 federal funds have been distributed and CDE has assured us that our first expenditure report from the 2020-21 year is being routed for payment. The timeline from the point it is submitted to Accounting at CDE seems to take several weeks. The SELPA will be distributing those funds as soon as they are received at the SELPA. The final federal expenditure report for 2020-21 has been sent and CDE has assured us that it will be processed in a timely manner.

2021-22 ERMHS Funding

LEVEL 2

Each year, ERMHS Level 2 revenue to Charter SELPA partners is determined by a 2-part funding formula. One component of the Level 2 funding formula is a count of eligible mental health services recorded in SEIS for your LEA on December 1, 2021. Three preliminary service counts are sent to your Program Representative so the data can be reviewed for accuracy prior to the December 1 data pull.

The first of these counts has already been sent. Counts will be pulled and sent again in October and November. The final pull in December determines the service counts input into the Level 2 funding formula. It is important that you monitor these counts closely to ensure maximum funding for your program. Fiscal contacts will be notified each time the data is sent to prompt a review with your program team.

LEVEL 3

The process of executing new Master Contracts and ISAs for all 2021-22 continuing NPS & NPS/Residential placements should already be underway at your LEA. **Budget requests for continuing placements should be submitted via the [Fiscal Portal](#) by October 1.** Budget requests for new placements should be submitted within 30 days of placement, as per the ERMHS Guidelines. 2021-22 Master Contract and ISA templates are available on the [website](#) now.

Low Incidence

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 provided a significant increase in Low Incidence revenue to the SELPA, which allowed for greater reimbursements to our partners. The SELPA will continue to see this increase moving forward and recommend all partners to take advantage of the low incidence funding available for your students.

The following criteria must exist for reimbursement:

- Student must have a low incidence disability
- The request must meet a minimum of \$600
- The services and/or materials must be necessary for the student to meet their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) goals and objectives; for the student to access general education; be specialized as it relates to a need or the needs of the low incidence disability; and be indicated in a comprehensive evaluation which is completed by staff or a provider who is credentialed/knowledgeable of the low incidence disability area(s).

The minimum reimbursement amount per Low Incidence claim has been set at \$1,000 for 2021-22. The Low Incidence Reimbursement Request template is not yet available in the Fiscal Portal as the SELPA continues to wrap up the 2020-21 reimbursements. You can find additional information on reimbursement requirements in the [Low Incidence Guidelines](#).

2021-22 State & Federal Budget Advice

- 2021-22 Charter Member Rate (State) = \$715.00 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 will likely increase upon final funding determination (Fiscal Portal submission required).

Important Upcoming Dates

10/01/21 – ERMHS Level 3 NPS/Residential Budget Request (continuing placements)

10/01/21 – SEIS MH Service Count Pull (Preliminary #2)

10/08/21 – Cash Advance Application

10/11/21 – SEIS MH Service Count (Preliminary #2) Emails Sent

10/14/21 – CEO Council Meeting

10/15/21 – ADA/Enrollment Report

10/22/21 – Level 3 NPS/Residential Expenditures Report

10/29/21 – Checks issues (21-22 October State, Level 3 ERMHS)

Handy Links

2021-22

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[State Cash Flow Projection](#)

[Federal Cash Flow Projection](#)

[Admin Fee Rates](#)

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