November 2021 Fiscal Update

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Additional COVID-19 Funding (2021-22 State Budget)
Plans have been submitted and opt-in/outs are finalized for the Special Education Pandemic Dispute Prevention & Learning Recovery funding. Expenditure reporting will trigger cash flow. Partners that opted-in will report expenditures coded to either revenue source in the Fiscal Portal in mid to late November and payments will be made in the December end of month payment run. Moving forward, reporting will be quarterly, and there will be three additional reporting periods in 2022 (January, April, and July). 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
We are currently in the CALPADS Fall 1 reporting period. As a reminder, this data:
- is the basis for several funding streams;
- is the data from which compliance indicators are derived;
- determines the precision of ongoing student information;
- is used for student testing registration

The importance of this data’s accuracy underscores the importance of collaboration between CALPADS data coordinators and special education coordinators. Recently, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction issued a letter on the subject with suggested
“best practice” internal deadlines. That deadline suggestion for the internal approval of Fall 1 data is November 24. The SELPA certification deadline is December 17, 2021. The letter goes on to state:

“In addition to reviewing and certifying data during the Fall and EOY submissions, it is critical that LEA business processes include updating CALPADS on an ongoing basis throughout the year. These data are maintained in the CALPADS Operational Data Store (ODS) and are used for multiple operational purposes that support LEAs and their ability to serve students...”

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

2021-22 Budget Advice

- 2020-21 Charter Member Rate (State) = $715.00 per 2021-22 P-2 ADA (before admin fee & set-aside for new charters).
- 2021-22 Federal Rate = $125.00 per 2020-21 Enrollment/Fall 1 (before admin fee)
- ERMHS Level 2 = 80% of the lesser of $3,000 x Dec 1 SEIS service count or ERMHS budget (opt-in required – see below)
- ERMHS Level 3 Site-Based Therapeutic = 80% of approved budget (advanced program & budget approval required – see below)
- ERMHS Level 3 NPS = 90% of eligible ERMHS services (Fiscal Portal submission required – see below)
- ERMHS Level 3 RTC = 100% of eligible Room and Board (Fiscal Portal submission required – see below)
- Low Incidence = Up to $1000 for eligible materials/services per student, which will likely increase upon final funding determination (Fiscal Portal submission required).

2021-22 ERMHS Funding

LEVEL 2
Opting into Level 2 funding requires a review of your ERMHS program and acknowledgement of assurances, both of which are accomplished with the completion and approval of an Annual Mental Health Plan.

Level 2 Annual Mental Health Plans were due November 1. If your LEA has not submitted a plan, it is essential you do so immediately.

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. 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 two of these counts has already been sent. The last preliminary count will be pulled and sent shortly. The final pull in December determines the service counts input into the Level 2 funding formula. It's 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/RTC placements should be complete.

**Budget requests for continuing placements were due via the Fiscal Portal by October 1. If your LEA has not submitted, it is essential you do so immediately.**

Budget requests for new placements should be submitted within 30 days of placement per the ERMHS Guidelines. 2021-22 Master Contract and ISA templates are available on the website now.

**LEVEL 3 SITE-BASED THERAPEUTIC**
There are two steps to having a Level 3 Site-Based program reviewed for funding eligibility. The first step is completion and approval of a Level 3 Site-Based Annual Mental Health Plan. The second step is submission of a budget consisting of eligible Level 3 expenditures. Once these are approved, a site visit will be scheduled.

**Level 3 Site-Based Annual Mental Health Plans/Budget Requests were also due November 1. If your LEA seeks funding, it is essential you submit immediately.**

**Important Upcoming Dates**
- **11/10/21** – SEIS MH Service Count Pull (Preliminary #3)
- **11/18/21** – Local Contribution Posted
- **11/19/21** – Payments issued (21-22 Nov State)

**Handy Links**
- Funding Detail
- State Cash Flow Projection
- Federal Cash Flow Projection
- Admin Fee Rates
- Fiscal Calendar