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Dispute Prevention Allowable Expenditures

We have received further guidance from CDE on the allowable uses of the one-time Dispute Prevention funds (RS 6536). These funds may be used for COVID-related settlement/compensatory ed costs but CANNOT be used for attorney fees.

- Must represent an effort to “prevent disputes”.
- Disputes must be a result of school disruptions stemming from the COVID-19 emergency 3/13/2019-9/1/2021.
- Cannot be used to pay for settlement agreements reached as a result of

a Special Education complaint or Office of Administrative Hearing (OAH) process.

2021-22 Budget Advice

- 2021-22 Charter Member Rate (State) = $715 per 2021-22 P-2 ADA (before admin fee & set-aside for new charters).
- 2021-22 Federal Rate (RS 3310) = $139.61 per 2020-21 Enrollment/Fall 1 (before admin fee).
- 2021-22 ARP Federal Rate (RS 3305) = $39.67 per 2020-21 Enrollment/Fall 1 (before admin fee).
- ERMHS Level 2 = 80% of the lesser of $3,000 x SEIS service count as of 12/1/21 or submitted ERMHS budget.
- ERMHS Level 3 Site-Based Therapeutic = 80% of approved budget.
- 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 $1000 for eligible materials/services per student, which will likely increase upon final funding determination (see Low Incidence article below).

2022-23 Budget Advice

The following is based on the Governor's January Proposed Budget:

- 2022-23 Charter Member Rate (State) = $820 per the higher of 2020-21, 2021-22, or 2022-23 P-2 ADA (before admin fee & set-aside for new charters).
- 2022-23 Federal Rate = $125.00 per 2021-22 Enrollment/Fall 1 (before admin fee).
- 2022-23 ERMHS budget advice will be issued once the Governor's proposed direct LEA funding of mental health revenue is or is not part of the final state budget.
- Low Incidence = Up to $1,000 for eligible materials/services per student, which may increase upon final funding determination (Fiscal Portal submission required).

Governor's 2022-23 Budget (May Revise)

- 6.56% COLA + additional Prop 98 funding for Special Education.
- SELPA Statewide Target Rate would increase from $715.00 to $820.00 for 2022-23.
- SELPA funding calculation would utilize reported ADA at the LEA level rather than the SELPA level, comparing current year, prior year, and second prior year, whichever is greatest.
- No change to ERMHS funding direct to LEAs beginning in 2022-23.

Master Contract & ISA Update

The 2022-23 Master Contract and 2022-23 ISA have been posted to the on the business web page. The 2021-22 Master Contract and 2021-22 Individual Services Agreement (ISA) templates are also still available.

Fiscal Committee Meeting

A Fiscal Committee Meeting will be held on June 7, 2022. This meeting will cover results from the May 2022 CEO Council meeting that impact special education finance, as well as update state, federal, and educationally related mental health funding. The webinar will begin at 10:00 AM. You can register here.

SpEd Business 101 Workshop

The SELPA is hosting a virtual SpEd Business 101 Workshop on July 14, 2022. This virtual, half-day workshop is designed to prepare special education program/business teams for the new school year. For convenience, two SpEd Business 101 workshops are held during the summer. The later workshop is scheduled for August 9, 2022. The two sessions cover the same content. The agenda consists of:

- a review of the El Dorado Charter SELPA Allocation Plan;
- budget advice for the upcoming year;
- details regarding special education cash flow schedules;
- the mechanics of reporting via the online Fiscal Portal; and
- tracking SELPA fiscal-related communications.

This workshop is an excellent educational opportunity for first-year SELPA partners, new members of your internal and/or outsourced school program/business team, as well as any program or business contributor wanting to build an understanding of SELPA fiscal processes. The workshop will run from 10:00AM to 2:30PM with a 30-minute lunch break at noon and two 10-minute screen break. Register for the July

14, 2022, workshop here.

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 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 11, 2022
- August 16, 2022
- August 30, 2022

Important Dates

- **06/07/22** – Fiscal Committee Meeting
- **06/30/22** – Checks Issued (21-22 Federal)
- **07/11/22** – Open Office Hours (via Zoom)
- **07/08/22** – Final 2021-22 Funding Updates Posted
- **07/14/22** – SpEd Business 101
- **07/15/22** – Final 2021-22 Expenditure Reports Due
- **07/29/22** – Checks Issued (22-23 Jul State)
- **08/16/22** – Open Office Hours (via Zoom)
- **08/30/22** – Open Office Hours (via Zoom

Handy Links

- Fiscal Portal
- Funding Detail
- State Cash Flow Projection
- Federal Cash Flow Projection
- Admin Fee Rates

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