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Fiscal Update



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The Charter SELPA Business team will be out of the office on February 17 and February 20 in honor of Presidents Day.

January Reporting

If you have not submitted your Mid-Year Expenditure report, please do so now. Due to limited support of the Fiscal Portal, the [Mid-Year Expenditure Report](#) is being completed in an excel workbook. Once completed, you will upload to [Google Drive](#) using the following naming convention, "LEA Name 2022-23 MY Exp".

If you have not submitted your [ADA/Enrollment #2 Report](#), you may do so in the Fiscal Portal.

All reporting should be completed as soon as possible to avoid funding delays.

2022-23 Mental Health Funding

ERMHS Per ADA Allocation

Beginning in the 2022-23 year, CEO Council voted to distribute ERMHS Level 2 funds on a per ADA allocation. Due to this change, there was no need for a Budget Request to be submitted to receive funding. Funds are currently being distributed on the same schedule as state AB 602 funds and allocations will be updated with the release of the P-1 certification.

Refer to the [ERMHS Funding Detail](#) and the [ERMHS Cash Flow](#) on the Charter SELPA website for details. Along with the state AB 602 funding details and cash flow, we will have these items updated on the website no later than March 3, 2023.

ERMHS Level 3 Funding

Considering the total cost of Level 3 NPS and NPS Residential placements is essential for making an accurate final ERMHS funding determination for this year. **The SELPA should now have funding requests for all known Level 3 placements.** It is essential that partners immediately submit [funding requests](#) for placements made during the remainder of the year. Master Contract and ISA templates are available on the [business web page](#).

For approved placements, expenditure reporting triggers Level 3 reimbursement. There are four expenditure reporting windows for NPS/residential placements during the year. The next expenditure reporting window closes on April 18.

Year-End/Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Pre-Test

Heads up! The Year-End/MOE Pre-Test will be available on March 3 and will be due to the SELPA on March 24. All SELPA members must complete this report, **regardless** of whether federal funding is expected in 2022-23. The pre-test is the means for SELPA to analyze overall special education spending from all revenue sources prior to year-end and offer support where warranted. The pre-test also allows evaluation of federal MOE testing before the window to adjust expenditures passes. Given the climate of the SpEd revenues and the impact on MOE in the last year, we want to certain that all LEAs are meeting their MOE obligation with no surprises at year end.

In addition to the current year MOE, we also request budget information for the 2023-24 year. We recognize that many of our LEAs do not have budgets complete at the time of the pre-test and still request that a good faith effort be put into providing a budget for our use in our required Annual Budget Plan. The Annual Budget Plan is a piece of the Local Plan filed each year with CDE. The Annual Budget Plan has changed in the last few years and requires far more detailed information to be provided both at the SELPA and LEA levels.

The SELPA will provide detailed instructions in the March Fiscal Update.

Governor's 2023-24 Budget Proposal

Governor Newsom's January proposed budget for 2023-24 contains only a few items that touch special education.

- Estimated 8.13% COLA, which would result in a Base Rate increase from \$820/ADA to \$886.67/ADA
- Limit on the amount of funding that SELPAs are allowed to retain for non-direct student services before allocating funding to member LEAs
- Extend moratorium on the creation of new single-district SELPAs by two years to 6/30/26
- Require CDE to post on its website each SELPA's annual local plan, including their governance, budget, and services plans

Some of these proposals are very broad and lack specificity. As always, we will keep our ears open as the legislative negotiations leading to a final budget in June proceed, and report to

you significant developments.

Do you know anyone?

We are recruiting new team members for three positions within the business/data group at the Charter SELPA. The EdJoin postings appear below. Please forward the information if you know of qualified applicants located in or moving to the El Dorado County area. Your support would be most appreciated!

- [Web Application Developer \(think Fiscal Portal\)](#)
- [Program Technician \(think SEIS/CALPADS\)](#)
- [Account Technician \(Accounting Support\)](#)

2022-23 State & Federal Budget Advice

- 2022-23 Charter Member Rate (State) = \$820 per the higher of each charter's 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).
- ERMHS Funding finalized by CEO Council in October:
 - Set aside \$480K to fund approved 2022-23 Site-Based Therapeutic programs at 80% of eligible expenditures. If this amount is not sufficient, the reimbursements will be prorated.
 - Set aside \$4.3M to fund NPS mental health services at 90% and RTC room and board at 100% of eligible expenditures. If this amount is not sufficient, the reimbursements will be prorated.
 - The remainder of mental health funding, estimated to be \$14.9M, will be passed through to partners monthly based on P-2 ADA. These distributions have begun at \$50/ADA and will be adjusted at P-1 and P-2.
- Low Incidence = Up to \$1,000 for eligible materials/services per student, which may increase upon final funding determination (Fiscal Portal submission required).

2022-23 Low Incidence Funding

A substantial pool of Low Incidence funds is available. The following lists criteria for reimbursement.

- The student must have an identified low incidence disability (primary or secondary).
- 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;
 - necessary 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 completed by staff or a

provider who is credentialed/knowledgeable of the low incidence disability area(s).

The [Low Incidence Reimbursement Request](#) is now open in the Fiscal Portal. We encourage LEAs to enter requests with the budget for materials/services as soon as possible. The final day to submit requests will be May 1, 2023, with actual expenditures due in July 2023.

Important Upcoming Dates

3/3/2023 – P-1 Certification delays Feb State Checks to March 3, 2023

3/3/2023 – Updated Funding Details and Cash Flows posted to website

3/3/2023 – MOE Pre-Test Available

3/24/2023 – MOE Pre-Test Due

Handy Links

[Fiscal Portal](#)

[Funding Detail](#)

[State Cash Flow Projection](#)

[Federal Cash Flow Projection](#)