

# CHARTERSELPA Fiscal Update



# March 2023 Fiscal Update

#### In this issue...

P-1 Certification
ERMHS Funding Increase
Year-End/Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Pre-Test
2023-24 Master Contract/ISA
2022-23 State & Federal Budget Advice
2022-23 Low Incidence Funding
Important Upcoming Dates
Handy Links

#### P-1 Certification

CDE has certified the 2022-23 First Principal Apportionment (P-1). February state cash disbursements have been released. These disbursements included the first state cash for LEAs new to the SELPA this year, calculated on P-1 ADA. Here are the updated <a href="Funding-Details">Funding Details</a> and Cash Flow documents.

# **ERMHS Funding Increase**

Next year mental health revenue will be allocated directly to all LEAs in the state based on ADA. In light of this, CEO Council voted to distribute 2022-23 ERMHS Level 2 funds on a per ADA basis. Thus far in the 2022-23 fiscal year, mental health funds have been distributed at a rate of \$50/ADA on the same schedule as state AB 602 funds. As of P-1, this rate has been adjusted to \$58/ADA and will again be adjusted at P-2 in June.

For details, refer to the ERMHS Funding Detail and the ERMHS Cash Flow on the Charter SELPA website.

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

The Year-End/MOE Pre-Test will be available on March 8 is 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 ensure that all LEAs meet their MOE obligation with no surprises at year-end.

In addition to the current year MOE, we 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.

#### 2023-24 Master Contract/ISA

The Master Contract/ISA (MS Word) and the Excel version of the ISA for 2023-24 are now posted on the <u>business page</u> in both the Business Office Resources and ERMHS Resources sections. Also posted is a <u>guidance document</u> about the California universal school meals mandate and how it applies to students in NPS placements.

# 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 at \$14.9M, will be passed through to partners monthly based on P-2 ADA. These distributions are at a rate of \$58/ADA and will be adjusted at 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;
  - o necessary for the student to access general education;
  - o 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 <u>Low Incidence Reimbursement Request</u> 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**

3/08/2023 - MOE Pre-Test Available

**3/24/2023** – MOE Pre-Test Due

**4/18/2023** – Expenditure Reports (Fed#2, Lvl 3, NPS/RTC, LR & DP)

**4/18/2023** – ADA/Enrollment Report #3

4/27/2023 – Year-End Fiscal Workshop (online)

**4/28/2023** – Checks Issued (Apr State, ERMHS Per ADA & Lvl 3, Learning Recovery, Dispute Prevention)

# **Handy Links**

Fiscal Portal
Funding Detail
State Cash Flow Projection
Federal Cash Flow Projection