

# CHARTERSELPA Fiscal Update



# May & June 2023 Fiscal Update

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# Mental Health Revenue Update

With the shifts in the use of mental health funding, mental health revenues should now be coded to RS 6546, OBJ 8590, GOAL 0000, and no longer need to be coded as special education revenues. These funds remain restricted in that they are to be used for mental health activities but are now open for use to serve all students. Should funds be used to fund special education activities, your expenses would still be coded as such.

For your SELPA reporting, this means the following:

- There will be no expenditure reporting for your monthly per-ADA allocations (Level 3 NPS/RTC and Site Based will still require expenditure reporting).
- Mental health revenues will not appear on your Year-End Maintenance of Effort (though you will be able to report special ed mental health expenses under RS 6546).

Beginning in the 2023-24 year, all mental health funding (state and federal) will be flowing directly to LEAs, removing the SELPA from the distribution of these revenues. CEO Council has voted to maintain an NPS/RTC pool, which will continue to support Site-Based Therapeutic programs, NPS/RTC placements, and CPI training/certification. This pool will be funded with a combination of Out of Home Care revenue and a per-ADA contribution from our partners. This contribution will be a deduction from your monthly State allocation, currently projected at a rate of \$12.50/P-2 ADA, along the same schedule as your monthly State allocation.

#### Dispute Prevention/Learning Recovery Reporting

Final expenditure reporting templates for the <u>Dispute Prevention</u> (RS 6536) and <u>Learning</u> Recovery (RS 6537) funding streams are now available in the Fiscal Portal. We request that if you have fully spent, are done spending, or will not be spending your allocation, you report early so we can reallocate funds as needed.

These funds must be encumbered by June 30, 2023, and actually expended by September 30, 2023. At that time, additional reporting will be required on the use of funds and about the students served. We will soon be providing further information on the specific items to be reported.

# Governor's 2023-24 May Revise Budget

Governor Newsom's May Revision budget for 2023-24 contains only a few items that touch special education. The full statutory COLA of 8.22% is applied and the state funding rate for next year would be \$887.40/ADA. Some of the other proposals are contentious between the Governor and legislature. As always, we will keep our ears open as the legislative negotiations leading to a final budget in June proceed and report significant developments.

#### 2023-24 Administrative Fees

The 2023-24 Administrative Fee rate for each Charter SELPA partner can be found within the "2023-24 Funding Details and Cash Flow" on the <u>El Dorado Charter SELPA Business</u> <u>Office Support</u> page.

# Master Contract and ISA Update

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.

#### **Fiscal Committee Meeting**

A Fiscal Committee Meeting will be held on June 8, 2023. This meeting will cover results from the May 2023 CEO Council meeting that impact special education finance, as well as update state, federal, and mental health funding. The webinar will begin at 10:00AM. You can register <a href="here.">here.</a>

#### SpEd Business 101 Workshop

The Charter SELPA is hosting two virtual SpEd Business 101 Workshops for the 2023-24 year. The first offering will be on July 13, 2023. This half-day workshop is designed to prepare special education program/business teams for the new school year. The later workshop is scheduled for August 10, 2023. 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;
- federal funding compliance (Maintenance of Effort);
- 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 the Charter SELPA fiscal processes. The workshop will run from 10:00 AM-2:30 PM with a 30-minute lunch break at noon and two 10-minute screen breaks.

- July 13, 2023 <u>registration</u>
- August 10, 2023 registration

# 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 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, and our team will be available to answer your questions.

- July 12, 2023
   https://edcoe.zoom.us/j/85985070000?pwd=WTdNdXJNYzhDQmVhU3BRb0tUTUYvQT09
- August 16, 2023 <u>https://edcoe.zoom.us/j/82295749768?pwd=aGg3S2c5SFU0K1ZjQmtiTXFibUpEdz09</u>
- September 6, 2023
   https://edcoe.zoom.us/j/85769410446?pwd=MEdWeHlpK29Uc0tOTU16VEdDTUgwQT09

# State & Federal Budget Advice

#### **State Funding**

- 2022-23 State Rate = \$820.00 per Funded P-2 ADA
- 2023-24 State Rate = \$887.40 per Funded P-2 ADA
  - Funded ADA is the higher of the current year, prior year or prior-prior year ADA and is revised with subsequent certification periods.
  - Admin Fees are calculated on total state and federal funding and are taken off the top of the state allocation.
  - Set Aside contributions for first-year partners are deducted at a rate of \$5/Funded P-2 ADA.

#### **Federal Funding**

- 2022-23 Final Federal Rate = \$146.81 per 21-22 Enrollment/Fall 1
- 2023-24 Preliminary Federal Rate = \$130.00 per 22-23 Enrollment/Fall 1 (Federal rate adjusts mid-year with the receipt of the Grant Award.)

#### **Mental Health Funding**

- 2022-23 Mental Health Per ADA Allocation = \$58/P-2 ADA (Final rate established at P-2 later in June.)
- 2022-23 Site Based Therapeutic = 80% proration of the lesser of approved budget or final expenditures

- 2022-23 NPS Mental Health = 90% proration of the lesser of approved budget or final expenditures
- 2022-23 RTC Room/Board = 100% of the lesser of approved budget or final expenditures
- 2023-24 NPS/RTC Pool contribution = \$12.50/P-2 ADA

#### **Low Incidence Funding**

• 2022-23 Low Incidence = 100% of the lesser of approved budget or final expenditures

# **Important Upcoming Dates**

6/8/2023 - Fiscal Committee Meeting (online)

**7/7/2023** – Final 2022-23 Funding Updates Posted

7/7/2023 – Checks Issued (22-23 Jun State, 22-23 Mental Health Per ADA)

**7/13/2023** – SpEd Business 101 (online)

**7/14/2023** – Final 2022-23 Expenditure Reports (Federal, ERMHS, Low Incidence, Dispute Prevention, Learning Recovery)

7/31/2023 - Checks Issued (23-24 Jul State)

#### **Handy Links**

Fiscal Portal

2022-23 Funding Detail

2022-23 State Cash Flow Projection

2022-23 Federal Cash Flow Projection

2023-24 Funding Detail & Cash Flow (Advance Apportionment)