



### **I. Low Incidence** (approved at the 6/2/16 SELPA Superintendents' Council Meeting)

Total low incidence expenditures exceed the \$51,000 funding the SELPA receives annually. Given the inadequacy of the low incidence revenue, funds will be directed toward known costs shared by all districts.

#### **Approved Allocation Plan Amendment**

1. To create efficiency and eliminate district clerical and administrative functions related to low incidence service reimbursements, low Incidence funds will be used to offset the cost of low incidence services in regional programs (DHH, VI, OI teachers). This offset will reduce the amount of off the top funding allocated to regional programs.
2. The existing low incidence reserve of \$54,000 will be used to reimburse costs associated with low incidence materials and equipment.
3. For materials and equipment, there is a minimum claim amount of \$2,000, and 50% reimbursement.
4. When the materials and equipment reserve drops below \$10,000, SELPA Superintendents' Council will take action to establish an ongoing funding source in order to continue the pool or discontinue LI materials and equipment reimbursement.

### **II. Behavior Analyst Supports** (approved at the 4/7/16 SELPA Superintendents' Council Meeting)

The behavior analysts (3.0 FTE) support students in both regional and district programs who struggle with persistent maladaptive behaviors and have been resistant to less intensive interventions. Currently there is no ongoing funding for these services.

#### **Approved Allocation Plan Amendment**

Implement a district shared cost model based on usage to assign a proportional share of the total cost of the 3.0 FTE (including salary, benefits, and mileage) less 1.0 FTE paid for with ERMHS funding and .7 FTE from the Stair Step program. Each district's portion of the cost for the remaining 1.3 FTE will be based on the following calculation:

- o Average of prior year caseload counts (October 1, December 1, March 1)

We will transition to the new shared cost model over the next two school years. This will avoid creating significant fiscal impact for any one district while we transition to this model. We will use ERMHS reserve dollars to increase the offset from ERMHS for the 2016-17 school year from 1.0 to 2.0 FTE of behavior analyst cost. Based on usage, each district will be assigned a proportional share of the balance of cost less the 2.7 FTE paid for with ERMHS and Stair Step funding. Each district's portion of the cost in 2016-17 for the remaining 0.3 FTE will be based on the same calculation as above.

### **III. OT/PT Services** (approved at the 4/7/16 SELPA Superintendents' Council Meeting)

To provide districts with increased ability to control and manage costs for OT/PT services, the current funding model requires revision. The 2016/17 projected cost for OT services is \$630K. The estimated cost for PT services is \$70K for students in regional programs. 48% of OT/PT services are provided to students in regional programs. The remaining 52% represent services and the corresponding cost for



students in district programs. Districts are currently sharing all of the costs for these services proportionally based on ADA.

#### **Approved Allocation Plan Amendment**

1. OT/PT costs for services to students in county office regional classrooms (approximately 48% of all services) will continue to be shared on a per ADA basis.
2. Eliminate the shortfall contribution and return control of those dollars to the districts by discontinuing the cost-sharing pool for the district OT/PT services. The cost for services to students in district programs will be paid by districts based on individual usage.
3. Allocate \$100k from the Special Needs Pool to hold districts harmless for a one year transition to the new OT/PT funding model. Addressing unique circumstances with high service cost is an appropriate use of the Special Needs Pool. Superintendents approved 100% hold harmless protection against significant unintended fiscal consequences from implementation of the new model.

#### **IV. NPA Pool (approved at the 4/7/16 SELPA Superintendents' Council Meeting)**

The NPA pool has no funding stream beyond district contributions. Pool reimbursement requests have expanded well beyond the originally intended scope of NPS related NPA costs only. As a result, the cost to maintain the NPA pool continues to increase each year with limited ability to control cost based on the expanded definition and purpose of the pool.

#### **Approved Allocation Plan Amendment**

Eliminate shortfall contributions and return control of those dollars to the districts by discontinuing the NPA pool and reimbursement for NPA costs. The net effect of eliminating shortfall contributions and affording district control of expenditures will be dependent on actual expenditures for each district.

#### **V. OI Itinerant Services (approved at the 3/3/16 SELPA Superintendents' Council Meeting)**

Approximately sixty students in the SELPA qualify for special education services under the primary eligibility of Orthopedic Impairment. California Education Code (44265.5) requires that these students be taught by a trained teacher with a credential specific to the disabling condition. Currently, EDCOE does not have sufficient staffing capacity to provide specialized low incidence services to students in district and regional classrooms who qualify as Orthopedically Impaired.

There is a need to secure 2.0 FTE itinerant teachers qualified to provide specialized low incidence services to students with orthopedic impairments. Per the Allocation Plan's established regional growth rates, the addition of one teacher (SH Class/No Aide) would add \$94,225 to regional program costs. So, the total cost for 2.0 FTE would be \$188,450.

#### **Approved Allocation Plan Amendment**

Funding for 2.0 FTE will be a deduction from the district per/ADA allocation (approximately \$8.50/ADA deduction). This would reduce the district calculated average revenue rate by approximately \$8.50. Costs to operate the itinerant OI program beyond the \$188,450 will be absorbed by EDCOE.