Opening up the Black Box of Special Education!

A Deep Dive

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Introductions

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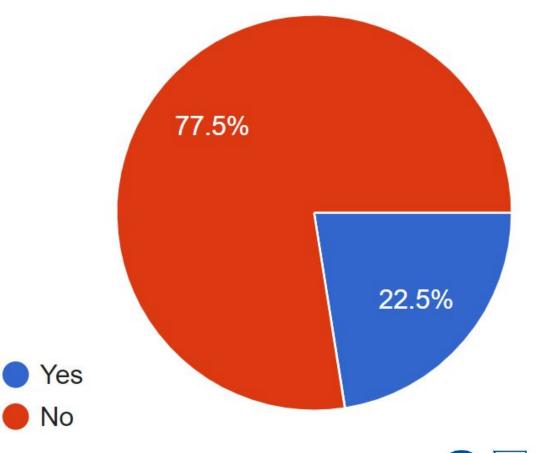


SPECIAL EDUCATION **SURVEY!**





Do you have a full understanding of ALL Special Education Revenues and Expenditures?





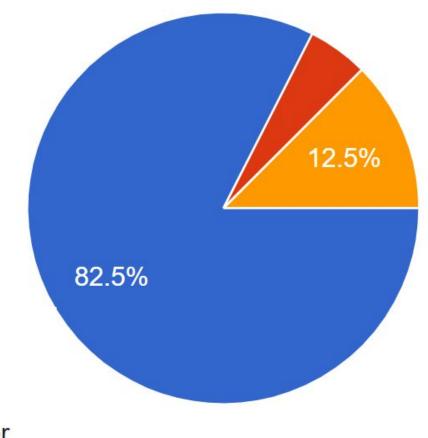


Do you work well with your Special Education Department?



No

Could be better





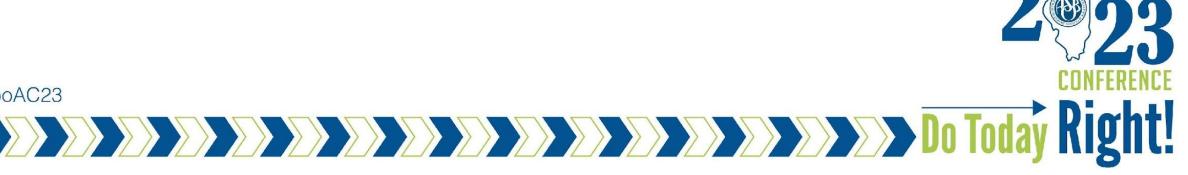


82.5% Work Well With SPED!!

77.5% DO NOT have a FULL Understanding!

Hmmm, Very Interesting!!!





Survey

- Do you "Work" with your Special Education Department?
 - Does Fiscal review ALL claims?
 - Does Fiscal have oversight of Medicaid and involvement with all Grants?
 - Do you meet regularly with your Sped team?
- Approximately what % of your Operating Budget is for Special **Education?**
 - a. 5%
 - b. 8.2%
 - c. 13.1%
 - d. 17.0%





Agenda:

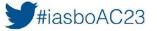
- Medicaid
- Workload & Caseload Management
- Special Education Claims
- Questions?





Medicaid





Fee for Service

- Benchmarking Identifying the Opportunity!
 - The 158 Story...
- Opportunities and Suggested Next Steps

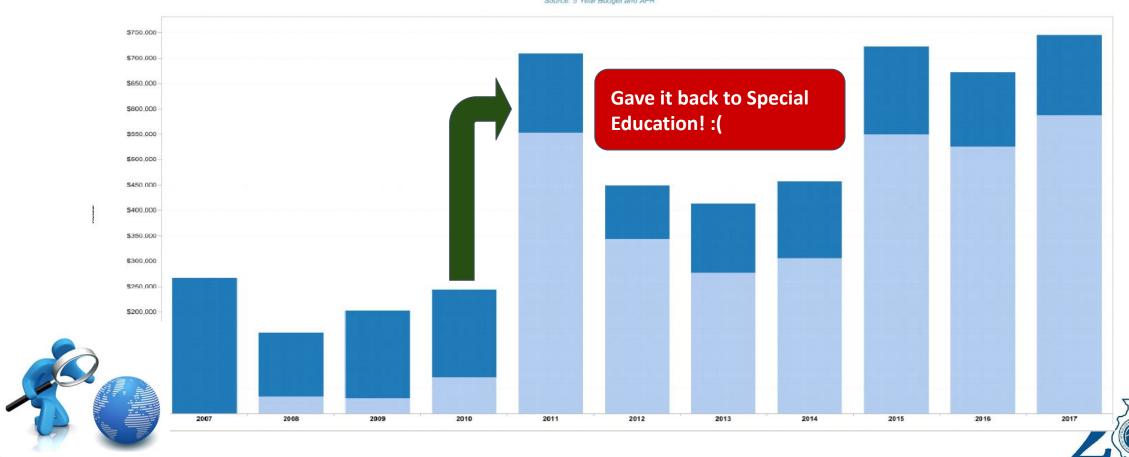






Fee for Service – The Huntley Story

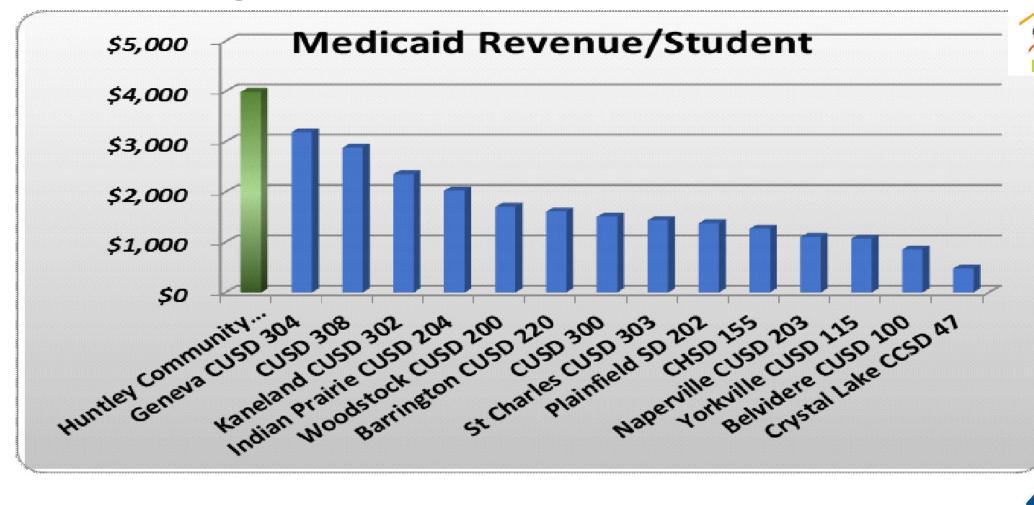
Revenue Bar Chart
Huntley Community School District 158
By: Detail Source
Source: 5 Year Budget and AFR





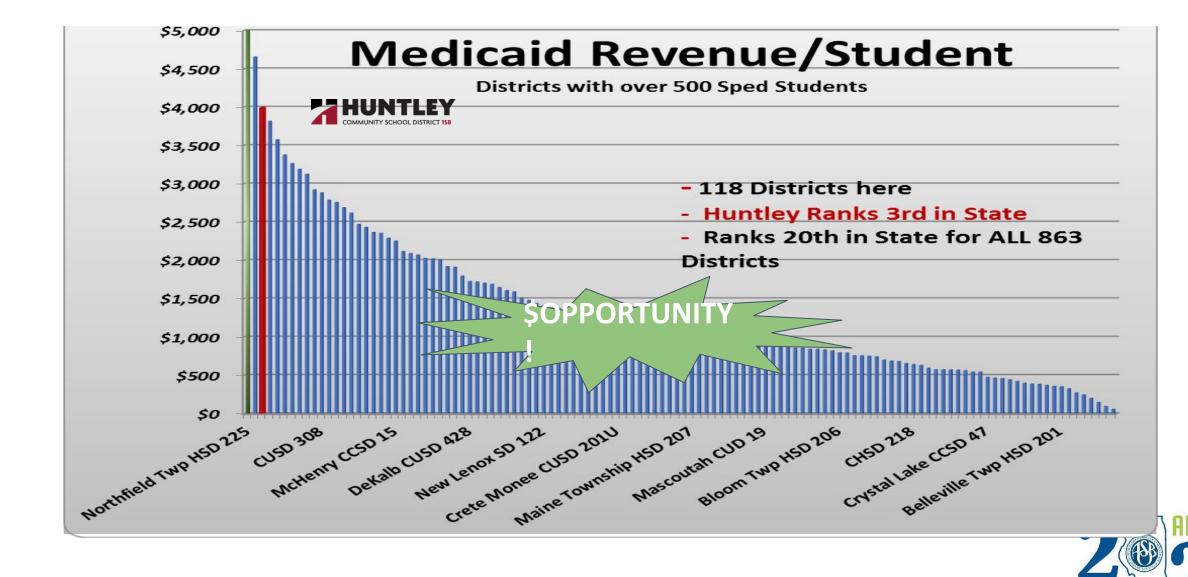


Benchmarking Medicaid













Fee for Service – Opportunities

- Open the box, and start "working" with SPED!
- Identify your Medicaid Eligible Students
 - Know your number!
 - Check Name Configurations Against the HFS Medi System Challenge your Medicaid claing admin! Free & Reduced List
- **Identify Staff**
 - **Related Services Staff**
 - 1:1 Aides (Schools & Private Facilities), Nurses, Audiologists, etc.
 - Contracted Related Services
- Use a Medicaid Vendor
- Create Oversight & Accountability!
 - Caseload & Workload 0
 - **Recording of Sessions**
 - IEP Minutes Is your Staff Meeting their Minutes?







Fee for Service — Manually Entered Data

February 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			7	7	3 7	4
5	6 7	7	8 7	51ck	7	11
12	13	SICK	15 Sick	7	17 Non-Attendance Day	18
19	20 President's Day No School	21 Institute Day No School	7	7	7	25
26	51ck	28				
		1-Enter number of hours student was in attendance per day 2-At the end of every month the aide and supervisor should sign and return origina calendar to Debbie Smith @ the district office 3. Keep a copy for your records				

John Smith Student Name:

1:1 Aide: Deb Anderson (Print and Sign Name)

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Student Grade/School: 3rd

Conley

Supervisor: Jen Hanson Jen Hanson







Fee for Service — Medicaid Eligible

- Identify your Medicaid Eligible Students
- Sign into PCG! https://claimingsystem.pcgus.com/il/Account/Login
- Select the Oct-Dec 2022 Date Range
- Quarterly Drop Down Select Student Counts







Administrative Outreach

- FEDERAL reimbursement to state and local agencies for activities related to the administration of the State's Medicaid plan
- Claims submitted through PCG
- Reimbursement for:
 - Medical and health related outreach
 - Case management
 - Admin activities related to delivery of services





Administrative Outreach

- Create account with PCG (Public Consulting Group)
- Verify your number of Medicaid eligible students is accurate
- Identify & add staff for your participant list NEXT SLIDE
- Communicate with staff that they are participating in Medicaid Administrative Outreach and to expect random moment time studies (RMTS)
- Monitor RMTS to ensure all your staff is completing them
- Submit quarterly financial data





Who Completes Random Moment in Time Study?

- **Audiologist**
- Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse
- Occupational Therapist
- Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant
- Social Worker
- School Psychologist & Licensed Clinical Psychologist
- Speech Language Therapist or Speech Assistant
- Interpreters
- Case Management/Administration
- **Orientation & Mobility Specialist**
- **Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPCs)**
- **Registered Behavior Technician**
- **Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist**

#iasbaAC2School Health Aides



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MARS SUBSYSTEM (M27679N)

PROVIDER ID: 366005127002

REPORT ID: 1BPEN571

STATE OF ILLINOIS HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES

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LEA QUARTERLY TOTAL COST SUMMARY REPORT

SEQUENCE.: PROVIDER ID, CATEGORY OF SERVICE

1

650 ACADEMIC DR

ALGONQUIN

HUNTLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTR

IL 60102-4423

PAYABLE

AMOUNT

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PAYEE ADDRESS: 650 ACADEMIC DR

PAYEE CITY ST: ALGONQUIN IL 60102-44230

DATE

12-16-22

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ADDRESS:

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010 NURSIN	424	15	31,672.35	45	4,222.84	.00	4,495.58-	31,945.09	15,572.29
211 PT	177	29	7,078.94	48	6,092.53	.00	3,728.44-	4,714.85	787.34-
312 OT	111	66	5,647.46	65	7,852.36	.00	4,266.56-	2,061.66	2,943.13-
0/1/2 S/L/O	2,477	210	90,015.87	821	32,765.38	.00	4,431.99-	61,682.48	32,715.86
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D58 SOCIL	1,303	191	36,317.83	146	6,193.57	.00	1,922.03-	32,046.29	17,209.38
OHOY29 PSYCHO	10	58	615.05	3	1,184.01	.00	1,050.21-	481.25	754.03-
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Work Load & Caseload Management





Work Load vs. Caseload

Caseload is the number of students with IEPs assigned to that teacher or specialist

Work Load is all of the responsibility required of the special education teacher and specialist to meet the needs of the students.





Work Load

*Illinois Admin Code 226.735 Work Load for Special Education

Work Load Plan is designed to allow:

- FAPE (Free and Appropriate Public Education) in the LRE (Least Restrictive **Environment)**
- Appropriate staff number to support the students' IEP





Work Load Plan

Plan should be based on:

- Individual instruction time
- Consultative services and collaboration
- Attendance at IEP meetings
- Paperwork and reporting

*Speech therapist caseloads shall not exceed 60 students





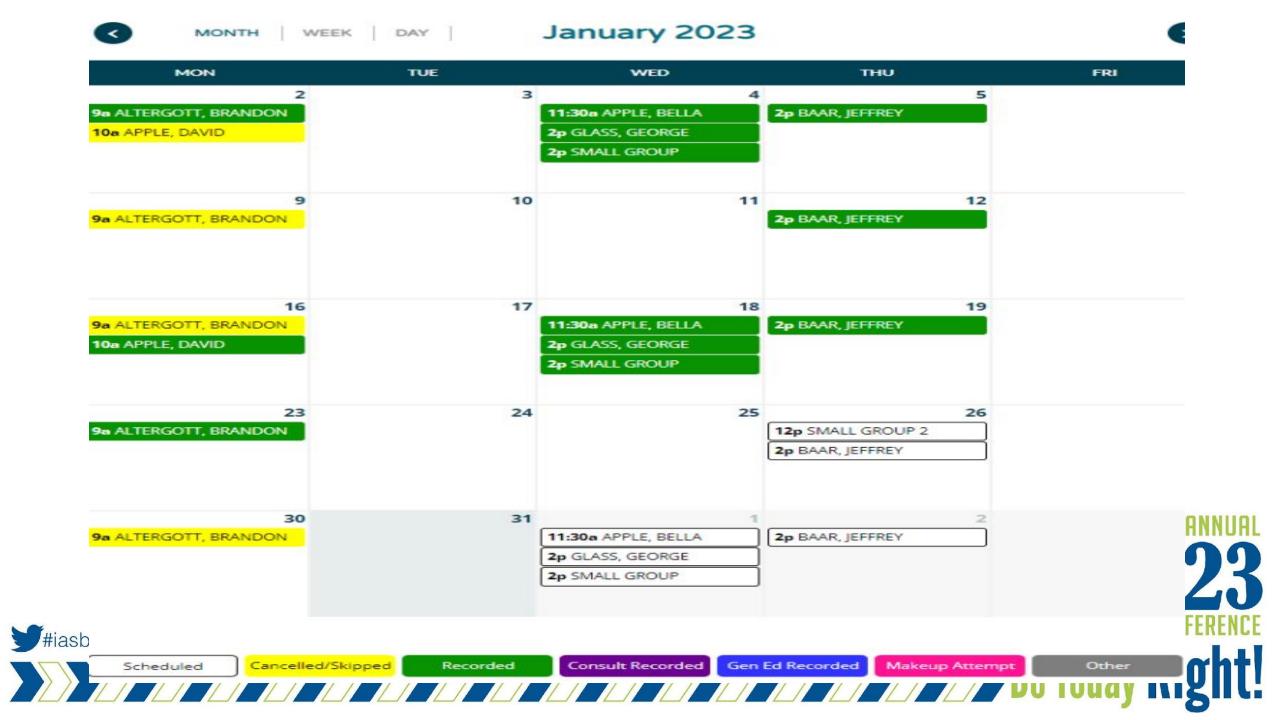
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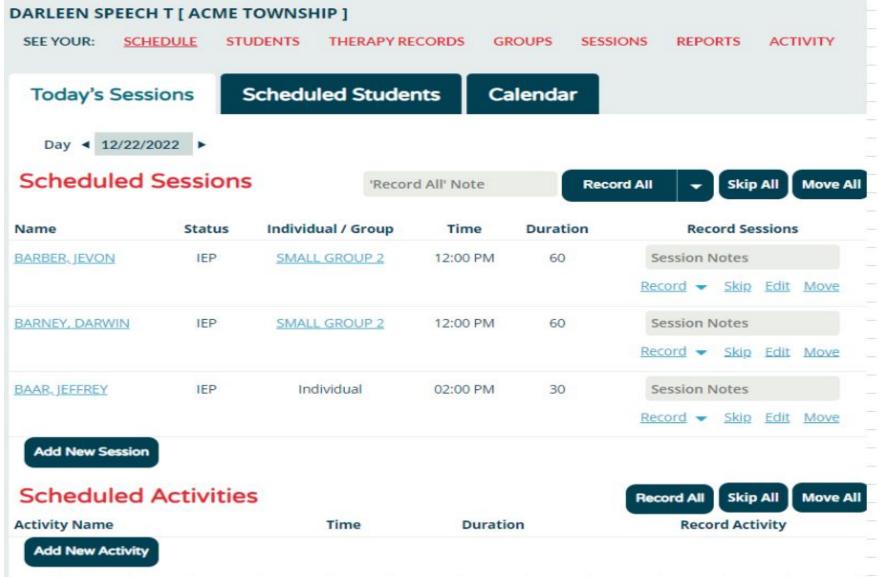
- Travel
- Needs of the students
- Meetings required (reevaluation vs IEP)
- Direct and consult minutes
- Obligations of CBA
- Other duties as assigned (MTSS, study halls, etc.)





Discipline	First Name	FTE	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total Weekly Hours	Weekly Direct Service Hours	% Weekly Direct Services	# of Students
Speech	Lindsay	1	1.75	3	2.5	1.75	1.75	38.75	10.75	28%	12
Speech	Laurie	1.	2	3	3.25	2.5	3	38.75	13.75	36%	16
Speech	Jamie	1	3.5	3.75	0.5	3	3.5	38.75	14.25	37%	51
Speech	Lisa	1	3.75	6	3	5	4.5	38.75	22.25	56%	58
Speech	Bree	1	2.5	3.5	0	4	3.5	38.75	13.5	35%	29
Speech	Julie	1	2.5	2.25	3.75	2.5	3	38.75	14	36%	37
Speech	Jessica	1	3.25	2.5	2.75	0	3.25	38.75	11.75	30%	16
Speech	Kimberly	1	2.5	1.75	2.75	1.75	2.5	38.75	11.25	29%	21
Speech	Saundra	1	3	3.5	3	0	3.5	38.75	13	34%	16
Speech	Jennifer	1	3.75	2.5	3.5	2.25	1	38.75	13	34%	38
Speech	Laura	1	1.75	1.75	1.5	1.75	1.25	38.75	8	21%	19
Speech	Kristy	1	2	3.5	2.5	0	2	38.75	10	26%	21
Speech	Tonya	1	1	0	0	3.5	0.5	38.75	5	13%	33
Speech	Molly	1	4.25	3.75	1.5	1.5	5	38.75	16	41%	51
Speech	Eliana	1	3.5	4.5	2.5	0.5	3.5	38.75	14.5	38%	33
Speech	Margaret	1	2.5	0	2.5	1	0	38.75	6	16%	9
Speech	Debra	1	3	0	1	3.5	0	38.75	7.5	19%	13
Speech	Sarah	1	0	1	0	2	1.25	38.75	4.25	11%	16
		20									489







Special Education Claims





HUGBUG

Illinois Purchased Care Review Board





Orphanage Reimbursement

Reimburses 100% of the current year tuition costs for eligible students with disabilities who are wards of the State under the guardianship of a public agency or who reside in state residential facilities. This includes regular term and summer term.

Reimbursement Formula

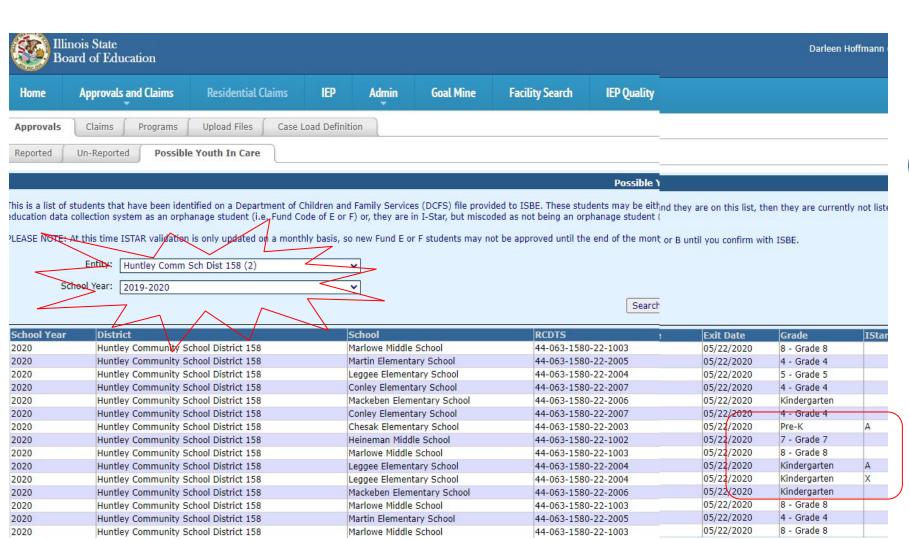
Education Costs + Required Transportation = Reimbursement

Regular Orphanage Tuition Claim Due: June 15th STUDENTS MUST BE CODED CORRECTLY IN ISTAR BY MAY 15TH!!!!

Summer Orphanage Tuition Claim Due: November 1st Reimbursed Quarterly

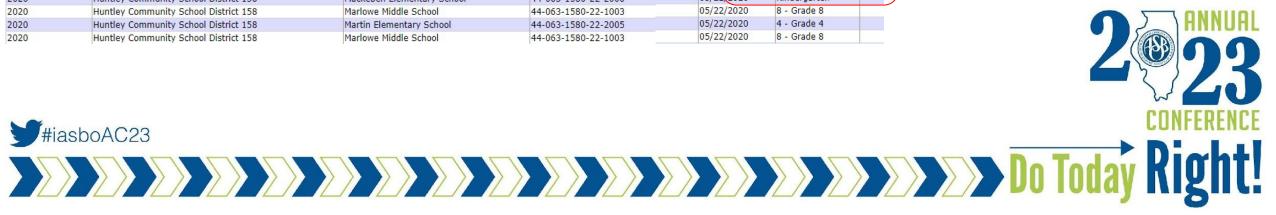






Orphanage

I-Star now provides a Possible Youth in Care report that outlines those eligible students for Fund Code E!





Tuition Cost Sheets (Orphanage & Tuition-in)

- Cost sheets impact reimbursement for orphan and excess cost
- Include all appropriate staff (1:1 aides)
- Check cost sheets from other schools if they use this for billing purposes (Tuition-in)
- Check cost sheets from your special education department if your business office is not involved in the process





Private Facility Tuition Reimbursement

Provides reimbursement for a portion of the private facility tuition costs incurred by the district from the prior school year

Reimbursement Formula

Reimbursement Level

Costs exceeding 2x the district per Capita cost

Private Tuition Claim Due: August 15th

Reimbursed Quarterly





Private Facility Tuition Reimbursement Tips

- 1:1 Aides
- Auditing private facilities
 - Private facilities are assigned a daily rate by the Illinois Purchased Care Review Board
 - You cannot get reimbursed for more than the daily rate so check your bill
 - You can find this in iStar by searching Private Facility or more information at https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-Purchased-Care-Review-Board.aspx
 - Double check that start dates in IStar, Embrace/IEP software and the private facility all agree! Reimbursement can be lost if the start date in IStar is after the actual date at the facility.





Federal Room & Board Reimbursement

District must have an approved ISBE Private Residential Placement Room & Board Reimbursement Form to transmit a claim

Form 34-37: Application for Approval of Private Residential Placement

Claims submitted monthly through I-Star





Excess Cost Claim

- Reimbursement for educational costs of high-cost, high-need students whose costs are in excess of 4 X's the district per capita tuition charges
- There is no dedicated budget line-item allocation for Excess Cost Students
- Reimbursed from excess federal room & board funds
- Recent prorations range from 0% to 39.5%
 - Most recent proration: 21.6%
 - FY 2021: 0% reimbursement
 - FY 2022: TBD

Excess Cost Claim Due: July 15th

Reimbursed Quarterly





Where to Start!

- **Collaborate with Special Education!** Set up recurring meetings to discuss these items (medicaid, Claims, etc...)
- Medicaid Contact your third party provider and schedule a mtg to review the 3790B report. See slide on that. Create a plan to start to maximize Medicaid.
- Medicaid Identify 1:1 Aides for medicaid eligible IEP'd students. Start there... GO BACK 18 months! Use student attendance data and begin to manually bill. (Work with your 3rd party provider) - Private facility 1:1's can be claimed too!
- Medicaid Admin Outreach Do the webinar! Work with your 3rd party provider and make sure all eligible positions are entered!
- Review/audit your private facility invoices! Make sure you are not overpaying. (Regular rate versus the intensive rate) - double check all intensive rate invoices to ensure the student has a 1:1 aide.
- Claims Work with Sped to set up a calendar to review and assist with all Sped claims
- **Contact any of us** if you have questions!





Opportunity, Questions, & Answers

We thank you for your time!





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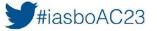
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IDEA Grant





IDEA Part B Flow-Through Grant Allocations

Calculation Factors:

- 85% Based on Total Enrollment at \$518.62 per student
- 15% Based on 3 year-rolling average of Low-Income Enrollment
- Hold Harmless based on 1998 December 1st Child Count

Base Year Amount for Illinois \$145,798,830





IDEA Preschool Grant Allocations

Calculation Factors:

- 85% Based on Total Enrollment at \$485.55 per student
- 15% Based on 3 year-rolling average of Low-Income Enrollment
- Hold Harmless based on 1996 December 1st Child Count

Base Year Amount for Illinois \$12,582,011





Writing & Spending Your Grant

Allowable Expenditures:

- Special Education staff Salaries and Benefits (no longer needed names)
- Supplies & Equipment
- Travel Expenses for Personnel
- Professional Development, In-Service, Presenter Fees
- Summer School (list dates of the summer school)
- Multi-year license or subscription are allowed



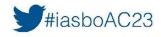


Writing & Spending Your Grant

Expenditures NOT Allowed:

- Expenditures for students with 504 plans
- Cost for nonpublic special education residential and day programs





Reporting

Expenditure Report:

- Submitted on quarterly basis
- Expenditures should be cumulative
- Expenditures must be documented in general ledger and be approved in the grant budget pages
 - Be sure that the account codes match



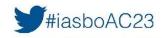


Reporting

Periodic Grant Reporting:

- Submitted on a yearly basis
- Document amount spent on professional development
- Show off your programs and success





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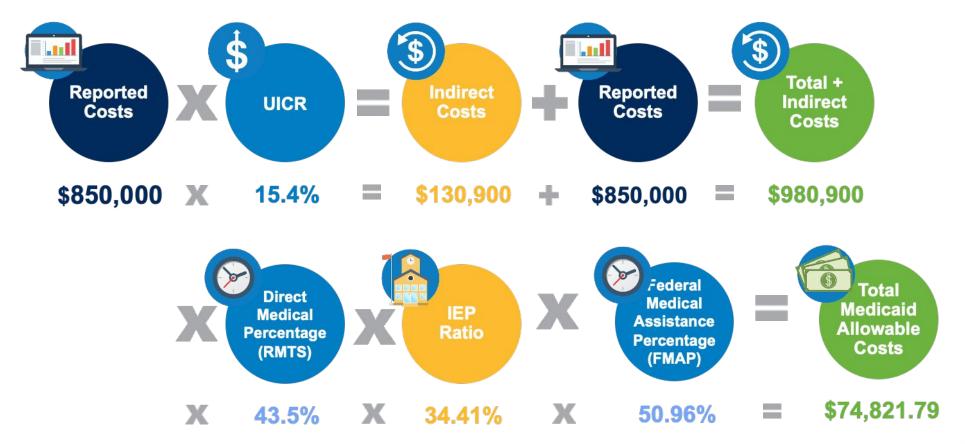
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Medicaid - Cost Settlement Calculation







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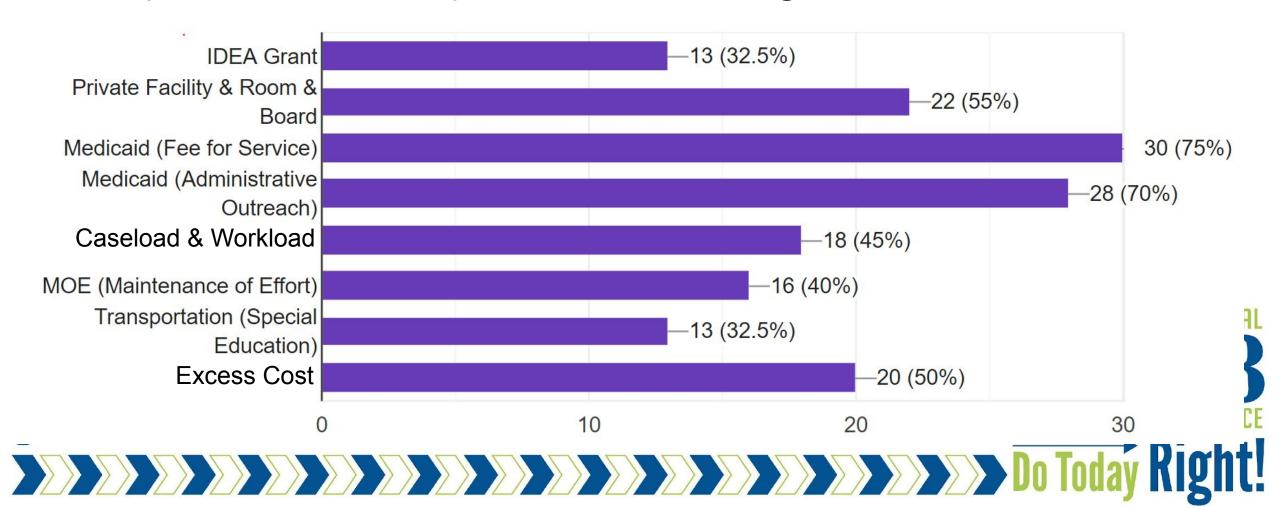
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The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) partners with Public Consulting Group (PCG) to facilitate the statewide Medicaid Administrative Claim Program through a random moment in time study (RMTS) Process.





What areas of Special Education do you feel that you need a deeper understanding?



Kahoot Survey!!!



