Keeping the Promise Initiative High Cost Special Education Categorical Aid Program

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Agenda

- > Introduction
- High Cost Categorical Aid Program information and Claim Form (PI-1570).
- Contact information will be shared at the end of this program.

High Cost Special Education Categorical Aid Program

- This program is intended to assist eligible applicants with meeting the needs of high cost special education students
 - \$3,500,000 appropriation
 - Stemmed from the data produced from the DPI funded "Keeping the Promise" initiative

Eligible Applicants include:

- School Districts
- Cooperative Educational Service Agencies (CESAs)
- County Children with Disabilities Education Boards (CCDEBs)
- Charter Schools authorized under ss. 118.40(2R) Wis. Stats.

- Aid based on prior year expenses. For example (2008-2009 data reported and aid paid in 2009-2010). Keep in mind, payments are always calculated on the prior school year's cost.
- Expenses are calculated on a per student basis and include costs directly related to educating a student with high cost special education needs.
- Expenses that will not be calculated include indirect cost, administrative, or leadership costs.

- The District of Attendance should complete the claim form
 - District of Residence (if different) should certify any direct paid expenses to the district of attendance to be included on the claim form (ex: transportation, tuition, and bus aide expenses).
 - District of Attendance should transit the appropriate aid to the District of Residence upon receipt.

- > For salary/benefits claimed provide:
 - Staff's Full Name
 - Staff's Social Security Number
 - Staff's FTE associated with the student (not to exceed 1.0 regardless of the number of students served). The most common errors on claim form occur with FTEs. Refer to the Q&A for FTE details.
 - Staff's special education position



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A High Cost Example

Lines 1 and 2 Initial direct educational costs per student Drop down box LEA operated special education costs Medicaid reimbursement Drop down box LEA operated special education costs Non-Medicaid reimbursement Line 3 Total of Lines 1 and 2 calculated automatically	ent \$80,000.00
Line 4 Less 3 times threshold cost per student (\$10,000)	30,000.00
Line 5 Equals Net High Cost for this special education student	35,913.20
Line 6 Equals Net High Cost for this special education student 90% of \$32,746.40 is Eligible for High Cost Aid	32,321.88
Line 7 The amount eligible for <u>Keeping the Promise</u> , reimbursement rate	15,860.15
Line 8 The amount eligible for IDEA Grant high cost reimbursement	16,461.73
(Lines 3-8) are automatically calculated from amounts in Lines 1-2)	

- Aid eligibility may be prorated if claims exceed the appropriation amount.
- > Students may not be claimed for both state tuition (PI-1524) and high cost aid (double claiming).

Timeline

Claim form PI-1570 is currently available at:

http://www.dpi.wi.gov/forms/xls/f1570.xls

- Claim form due: December 1, 2009
 - Email claim form to: dpisfsreports@dpi.wi.gov
 - Mail or fax (608-266-2840) the signed signature page to Jerry Landmark
- Aid payment: On or before the 3rd Monday in June

Additional Resources

- Question & Answer Document and
- Prior Year "Keeping the Promise Initiative" payments can be found at:

http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sfs/highcost.html

Contacts

- If you have a question, please don't hesitate to contact
- Program Contact:
 Barb Ebben 608-266-5583
 barbara.ebben@dpi.wi.gov
- Grant Claim Form: Jerry Landmark 608-267-9209 jerome.landmark@dpi.wi.gov