

Private Day Special Education Rates: Fiscal Impact Analysis Training

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Introductions

PCG team

VA OCS team



Rate Study Overview

- PCG developed methodology-driven reimbursement rates for VA OCS as required by Item 293 B) of Chapter 552 of the 2021 Appropriation Act. This provision required the Office of Children's Services (OCS) to contract for a study on the current rates paid by localities to special education private day programs licensed by the Virginia Department of Education.
- PCG worked closely with OCS, a voluntary advisory council of your peers, and individual school providers as part of the rate process.
- The new rates are based on a tiered model that reflects the ratio of teachers and support staff to students.
- The new rates have been developed, however, will not be implemented for the 2022-2023 school year due to the passage of state legislation pertaining to this project.
- Actual rates will be determined by the existing contract between Private Day Schools and localities.



Fiscal Impact Analysis Overview

- PCG will be conducting a fiscal impact of the new rates for the 2022-2023 school year as required by the Virginia General Assembly in the 2022 Virginia Appropriation Act, Item 285. B.
- This provision delays the implementation of rate setting for private day special education services until July 1, 2023.
- It also requires the Office of Children's Services to use the existing funding to develop a fiscal impact estimate of the rate changes on expenditures for private day special education services.
- The impact analysis will use data from private special education day schools to determine the fiscal impact of the new tiered rate structure.
- Private special education day schools will determine the rate tier based on the classroom staffing ratios for each student.



Confidentiality

- All information submitted by schools will be handled with the strictest confidentiality.
- Data captured will be aggregated and used to develop a fiscal impact analysis.



Completion of the Fiscal Impact Data

- Private day special education schools should send the completed *Rate Calculation Tools* for all students enrolled for the 2022-2023 school year **no later than August 15, 2022**.
- Students not enrolled by this date will **not** be required to be included in the fiscal impact analysis.
- PCG and OCS will extrapolate based on students enrolled at the beginning of the school year.



Completion of the Fiscal Impact Data

- This will allow CSA offices to generate purchase orders before the end of the first month of the new school year.
- The actual rates for the new purchase orders are not tied to the newly established tiers.
- For purchase orders beginning after August 1, 2022, the LEDRS system will no longer accept the old Private Day School service name and will only accept one of the new tiered base codes.
 - There will be nine tier codes for Northern Virginia, nine for non-Northern Virginia, and one for out of state Private Day Schools.
 - Information on the new codes has been distributed to local CSA software parties.



Fiscal Impact Training Resources

1. Review Training Guide
2. Review Rate Calculation Tool
3. PCG Helpdesk

Please contact our team with any initial or ongoing questions at
RateStudy@pcgus.com.



Questions?

Thank you in advance for your participation
in the VA Private Day Fiscal Impact Analysis Training!

A copy of today's Slide Deck, the Training Guide and Rate Calculation Tool
will be available at: TBD

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