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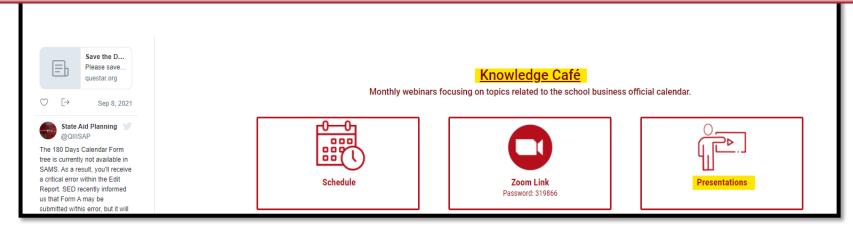




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Knowledge Café November 2021

State Aid Planning and Financial Service



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Agenda



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- SBO Calendar for December 2021
- Kathy's Corner
- Financial Surveys Due During 21-22
- Corrective Action Plans Tips
- Mid-Year Review How Are We Doing?
 - Claim Forms, ST-3, ERS Billing, Sales Tax Reporting Considerations, Medicaid Cost Report, Final Cost Reports for Capital Projects, ESSA Reporting
- Questions and Answers







Task	Due Date	Filing Requirement	Notes	Priority
Combined Fixed and Individual Payment Schedule for General Aid set by SED on December 1st	12/1/2021	Annually	Establishes the maximum amount of General Aid school districts will be paid through June. Print payment schedule from the State Aid Unit Website. Print accompanying General Aid Output Report from SAMS.	Recommended Best Practice
See State Aid Unit's Webpage				
Early payment of ERS invoice to obtain discount	12/15/2021	Annually	Consider paying ERS invoice before December 15th, to obtain discount	Recommended Best Practice
Submit Income Verification Summary online to SED Child Nutrition Office by December 15th.	12/15/2021	Annually		Required
File NYS Sales Tax Return for quarterly filers	12/20/2021	Quarterly	The filing requirement for sales tax is based on tax due and is either annual or 4 times per year. Due December 20th for the months of September, October, and November if filing on a quarterly basis.	Required
Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution and Affidavit of Posting for BoE appointees. Standard Workday Reporting	12/27/2021	Annually	Transmit to OSC not later than 180 days after a new term of office begins. For BoE appointees starting a new term of office on July 1, 2021, the 180th day will fall in late December 2021.	Required
Annual Medicaid Cost Settlement Report Due 12/31	12/31/2021	Annually	This due date has varied the past several years. Check the Medicaid in Education website periodically throughout the year.	Required
Billings (transportation, use of facilities, health services, parentally placed non-public etc.)	12/31/2021	Monthly		Recommended Best Practice





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BOCES - service requests for next year (preliminary)	12/31/2021	Annually		Recommended Best Practice
Budget Development - Begin/Continue	12/31/2021	Annually		Recommended Best Practice
Budget Status Reports to Board of Education including revenue and appropriation status reports	12/31/2021	Monthly	Commissioner's Regulations 170.2(p) requires the treasurer to render a budget status report for the BoE and for the use of those staff members assigned responsibility for administration of specific portions of the budget, on at least a quarterly basis (monthly in the event that budget transfers have been made since the last report). The report should include estimated revenues, revenues received to date, and estimated revenues yet to be received, original appropriations, adjustments and transfers, revised appropriations, expenditures, encumbrances, and unencumbered balances. Other information may be included as necessary.	Required
Cash Flow and Fund Balance - review for accuracy	12/31/2021	Monthly		Recommended Best Practice
Complete 8 Evacuation drills, 4 lockdown drills before December 31st	12/31/2021	Annually	1 drill during lunch or assembly unless instruction is provided on how to evacuate during lunch or assembly. 4 of the evacuation drills will be through fire escapes or secondary means of egress	Required
Ensure application for approval of bus/vehicle purchase (for any bus/vehicle delivered since July) have been submitted and certified within SAMS	12/31/2021	Semi-Annually	Ensure Superintendent certifies the Bus Purchase Approval before 12/31/2021 to receive two semi-annual payments of aid on the assumed debt service in 2022-23.	Recommended Best Practice
ESSA Financial Transparency reporting due	12/31/2021	Annually	School districts, with the exception of Dependent districts, must submit 2020-21 expenditure data by December 31, 2021. Dependent districts will need to submit by March 1, 2022.	Required





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Federal and State Cafeteria Reimbursement Form	12/31/2021	Monthly		Recommended Best Practice
File Independent Auditors Report with NYSED & NYS OSC - Big 5 City School districts only	12/31/2021	Annually	BoE must accept, send to SED and Office of the State Comptroller - due January 1st - Big 5 Cities only. May be submitted electronically to SED at via the NYSED Business Portal and to OSC at afrfile@osc.state.ny.us	Required
Monthly Profit/Loss Statements for School Food Service	12/31/2021	Monthly	Perform analysis on prior month's activities	Recommended Best Practice
New IRS mileage reimbursement rate for the upcoming calendar year	12/31/2021	Annually		Recommended Best Practice
Payroll Reports – ERS/TRS Payments and Reports	12/31/2021	Monthly	ERS: Due the 7th day of the month following the report period. TRS: Due within 10 business days after the end of the previous month.	Recommended Best Practice
Pesticide Notification – Notify District Staff and Parents of non-exempt pesticide applications	12/31/2021	Quarterly	Transmit policy, district contact information and form to request inclusion on list of individuals to be notified 48 hours in advance of toxic pesticide applications to parents and district staff. Notification required after close of summer session, after winter break, after spring break and after the end of each school year. Notification not required for use of pesticides exempt from reporting requirements.	Recommended Best Practice

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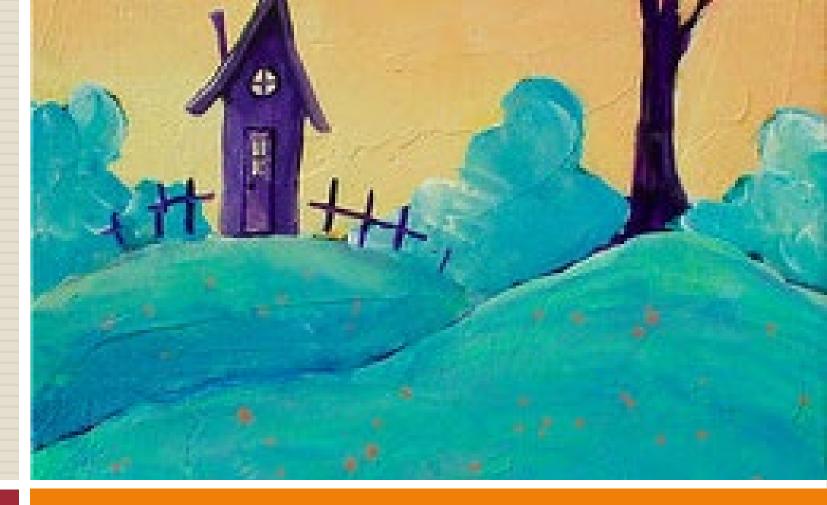
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Prepare Corrective Action Plans to address audit findings	12/31/2021	Annually	Corrective action plans must be prepared within 90 days of receipt of an annual audit report or management letter from the district's external auditor, or a final audit report issued by the State Comptroller. Districts must, to the extent practicable, begin to implement such plans before the end of the next fiscal year. Due to SED OAS by 1/15/2022.	Required
Prepare Final Cost Reports for capital construction projects as soon as certified as substantially complete and all outstanding bills are paid	12/31/2021	Monthly	FCRs approved on, or before 12/31/2021, will ensure two, semi-annual building aid payments in 2021-22.	Recommended Best Practice
Reconcile 2021-22 State Aid received to date	12/31/2021	Semi-Annually	SAP's State Aid Reconciliation Template is usually available by December after the Output Reports are open to the public.	Recommended Best Practice
Review BOCES invoices for appropriate services and charges	12/31/2021	Monthly		Recommended Best Practice
Review outstanding checks	12/31/2021	Semi-Annually		Recommended Best Practice
Send Single Audit via Internet to Federal Audit Clearinghouse and to SED Office of Audit Services. Big 5 City School Districts	12/31/2021	Annually	Required for districts that expend more than \$750,000 in Federal Funds. For districts that have expenditures between \$550,000 and \$750,000, a Single Audit Report Exemption Form (AAREF) is required. Due to SED OAS & OMB FAC by 3/31/2022.	Required
State and Federal Projects - review for expenditures and revenues. Submit FS-25's request for funds to Grants Finance	12/31/2021	Monthly	This is the form that must be submitted to request additional State and Federal grant funds. Districts may only request funds to cover expenses already incurred and 30 days of anticipated expenses. Payments totaling up to 90% of a grant's budget total may be requested	Recommended Best Practice
Treasurer's Report	12/31/2021	Monthly	Report on prior month's activities	Required

Topics Covered Last November

- Output Reports What and Where Are They?
- Standard Workday and Reporting
- Capital Project Reporting What Do I Need to Know?
- Link to recordings:

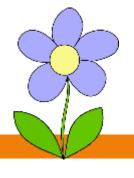
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Kathy's Corner

Monthly Section – Thoughts from a Newer SDBL



Kathy's Corner

- 1. The State Aid World of Acronyms
- 2. How to find your Output Reports
- 3. A Closer Look at One Output Report
- 4. Tips and Tricks

The State Aid World of Acronyms



Great Resource for State Aid Formulas and Acronyms

https://stateaid.nysed.gov/publications/handbooks/handbook 2021.pdf

2021-22 STATE AID HANDBOOK

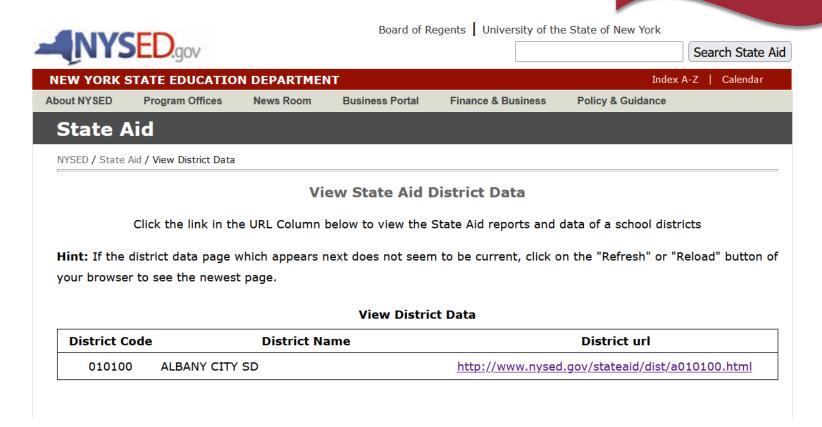
FORMULA AIDS AND ENTITLEMENTS FOR SCHOOLS IN NEW YORK STATE

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NYSED's Output Reports

https://stateaid.nysed.gov/

There are a couple of ways to login...



NYSED's Output Reports

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Click on the OUTPUT REPORT or DATA DISPLAY that you would like to view or print from the list below. There is a 'link' at the bottom of each page

2021-2022 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET

- 2021-22 State Aid Projections based on the Legislative Budget
- 2021-22 State Aid Projections Foundation Aid
- 2021-22 State Aid Projections Excess Cost for Students w/ Disabilities and UPREK
- 2021-22 State Aid Projections BOCES, Transportation and Summer Trans Aid
- 2021-22 State Aid Projections Building Aid
- · 2021-22 State Aid Projections Building Reogranization Incentive Aid
- · 2021-22 State Aid Projections Full Day K, Inst Mat, Op Reorg Incentive Aid
- · 2021-22 State Aid Projections Transitional Aid for Charter School Payment
- · 2021-22 State Aid Projections Special Services Aids for Non-Comp of BOCES
- 2021-22 State Aid Projections Combined Fixed and Indiv Payment Schedule
- Definitions and Explanation of Aids Displayed

2021-2022 EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL

- 2021-22 Executive Budget School Aid Estimate
- . 2021-22 Executive Budget Foundation Aid
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STATE AID CLAIM REPORTS

- · Available from the SAMS State Aid Claim Page
- 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR FISCAL REPORTS
- 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR FISCAL REPORTS
- 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR FISCAL REPORTS
- 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR FISCAL REPORTS
- 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR FISCAL REPORTS
 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR FISCAL REPORTS
- 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR FISCAL REPORTS
- 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR FISCAL REPORTS
- 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR FISCAL REPORTS

2020-2021 - STATE AID CLAIM REPORTS - as of 10/22/2021 12:00 AM

For questions regarding claim data or aid calculations, please refer to the State Aid staff assignment directory at: State Aid Office Staff Assignments Directory. As data and calculations may change, please review these reports periodically during the year.

2020-2021 - General Formula Aid Output Report (GEN)

2020-2021 - Foundation Aid (FOUNDATION)

2020-2021 - Foundation Aid Pupil Units Based on Students Served in the Year Prior to the Base Year (FAPU-1).

2020-2021 - Foundation Aid Pupil Units Based on Students Served 2 Years Prior to the Base Year (FAPU-2)

2020-2021 - Foundation Aid Pupil Units Based on Students Served in the Base Year (FAPU)

2020-2021 - Charter School Aids for Districts (CHART)

2020-2021 - Charter School Basic Tuition (CSBT)

2020-2021 - Attendance Output Report (ATT)

2020-2021 - Building Aid Report (BLD)

2020-2021 - Building Aid Report Estimated (BLDEST)

2020-2021 - Building 10% Aid Report (BLD10)

2020-2021 - Building 10% Aid Report Estimated (BLD10EST)

2020-2021 - Building Aid Output Report (BLD3)

2020-2021 - Building Aid Output Report Estimated (BLD3-EST)

2020-2021 - Building Aid Output Report (BLD4)

2020-2021 - Building Aid Output Report Estimated (BLD4-EST)

2020-2021 - Building Condition Survey (BCS)

2020-2021 - Building Summary Aid Report (BLD-SBA)

2020-2021 - Transportation Aid Output Report (TRA)

2020-2021 - Transportation Aid Output Report Estimated (TRAEST)

2020-2021 - Approved Operating Expense Report (AOE)

2020-2021 - Approved Operating Expense Report (AOEEST)

2020-2021 - Private Excess Cost Aid Output Report (PRI)

2020-2021 - Public Excess Cost & Excess Cost Aid Setaside Output Report (PUB)

2020-2021 - Instructional Material Aids (IMA)

2020-2021 - Universal Pre-K Grant (UPREK)

2020-2021 - Actual Nonresident Tuition Report for Prior Year (NRT)

2020-2021 - Estimated Nonresident Tuition Report for Current Year (NRTEST)

2020-2021 - Employment Preparation Education Aid (SA-EPE)

2020-2021 - Component School District BOCES Aid(BOC-CMP)

2020-2021 - Estimated Component School District BOCES Aid(EST-BOC-CMP)

2020-2021 - SA129 Attendance Report

A Closer Look...

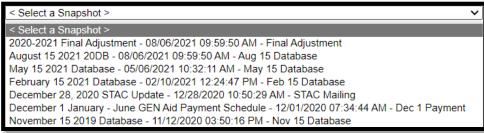
General Formula Aid Output Report (GEN)



- Tips and Tricks
 - Updated every night
 - You can view on SAMS
 - Print copies







Dates to Keep in Mind

State Budget Estimates – April 2021

- Used to determine State Aid Payments in the Fall of 2021
- If by 12/1/21 Output Reports are not available, budgeted information will be used for all State Aid payments until June 2022
- Reconciliation to actual doesn't occur until June, regardless of when information submitted after that date

ST-3 for 2020-21 Submitted

- Source used for Output Reports (November 2021)
- December 1, 2021, database uses and remaining State Aid payments for year are based on actual 20-21 expenditures
- Revisions to ST-3 may revise Output Reports

Audited Financial Statements

- Due October 15, 2021
- If not submitted by 11/15/21, all State Aid payments will be withheld until reports received
- Missed payments are paid with next scheduled payment, once audit received

Reporting in the Business Portal

Audit Related Information:

 Sign into the Business Portal, Select SED Monitoring and Vendor Performance System, then Select Office of Audit Services

Survey due now:

- 1) Audited Financial Statements (Districts and BOCES) due 10/15/21*
- Office of Audit Services (OAS) reviews financial statements for school districts and BOCES to ensure that the statements conform to the major reporting provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).
- *According to Education Law Section 2116-a(3)(a) and Commissioner's Regulations Section 170.12(e)(2)): School Districts, other than the Big 5,and BOCES must submit audited financial statements by October 15 (or the next business day if due date falls on a Saturday or Sunday). The Big 5 must submit by January 1 (or the next business day if due date falls on a Saturday or Sunday).



More Surveys Coming Up



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- Survey 2/3 Financial Statement Board of Ed approval,
 Management letter(s), Extraclassroom Audit and Corrective Action
 Plans Due 1/15/22 (2/1/22 for Big 5)
- Survey 4 Single Audit Threshold and/or Single Audit Exemption Form (Due within 30 days of audit or 3/31/22)
- Survey 5 Single Audit Corrective Action Plans for Financial Statement Findings (a.k.a. Section II) and Major Federal Program Findings (a.k.a. Section III)
- Survey 6 Internal Control Report and any Related Correction Action Plan (CAP) (N/A if <8 teachers, \$5 M (A) fund, or 1,500 children as of the PY PTRC; due for ALL BOCES 21-22+)
- Survey 6B Internal Audit Function Exemption (Due 6/30/22 for 22-23 year)
- Survey 7 Regulatory Audit and Related CAP (Regulation 170.12(e)(4)) Due only if had one

Corrective Action Plans

When preparing your CAPs, districts must address each finding (this includes all recommendations and suggestions).

- Implementation Plan of Action(s):
 - The implementation plan should be in sufficient detail to –
 - a. Clearly demonstrate what actions have occurred or are planned <u>or</u>
 - b. Why actions are not being taken.
- Implementation Date:
 - Provide the actual or planned implementation date of the corrective action. Terms such as immediate are not considered a date.





Digging into a Mid-Year Review

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Areas a SBO Should Check Throughout the Year

Mid-Year Check-Up



- December 31st is ½ Way Through the Year!
- Give your district a check-up:
 - Have you submitted all your Claim Forms and the ST-3 and have they all been approved as "Clean"?
 - Including SS31-SS34 and SS10-SS16
 - Make any revisions through the "Revision" section
 - Have you gotten your DOB Transparency Report to be "Approved"?
 - Have you posted it on your website?
 - Have you encumbered payroll, fringe benefits, debt service, utilities?

Mid-Year Check-Up



- Have you posted your audited financial statements on your website?
- Have you posted your ARPA grants to your website?
- Have you had the Board approve the Budget Calendar for 2022-23 budget process?
- Have you reviewed your Fund Balance policy?
 - TRS Reserve started 18-19, max of 10% could happen in 22-23 so want to plan for that
- Have you reconciled your budgeted State Aid to the Output Reports?
 - If need help with this, please attend December Coffee Talk

Quarterly Filers

You will file:

A quarterly return if:

• you have not been notified that you are an annu-

- you have not been notified that you are an annual filer (see Your filing frequency may be changed below),
 and
- your taxable receipts, purchases subject to use tax, rents, and amusement charges are less than \$300,000 during the previous quarter.

(Most vendors file quarterly when they first register to collect sales tax.)

Form and schedules Filing period

ST-100, New York State and Local Quarterly Sales and Use Tax Return

Quarterly sales tax schedules

March 1 through May 31;

June 1 through August 31;

September 1 through November 30; and

ember 1 through February 28/29.

Quarter Ending
November 30th is due by
December 20th
Food Service and ECAF

Annual Filers

You will file:	Form and schedules	Filing period
An annual return if you owe \$3,000 or less in tax during an annual filing period.	ST-101, New York State and Local Annual Sales and Use Tax Return Annual sales tax schedules	March 1 through February 28/29.

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Your filing frequency may change

Your filing frequency may change over time, depending on the amount of your taxable sales or tax due. When your filing frequency changes, the correct return will automatically be available when you Web File.

Quarterly to annual - If you are a quarterly filer, and your total tax due for the four most recently filed quarterly periods is \$3,000 or less, the Tax Department may reclassify you as an annual filer. The Tax Department will notify you of the change.

Watch for this!

Penalties and interest for failure to file and pay tax

If you file your return late, don't pay the full amount due, or both, you owe penalty and interest, and cannot claim a vendor collection credit (see Tax Bulletin <u>Vendor Collection Credit (TB-ST-925)</u>. Penalty and interest are calculated on the amount of taxes due. The minimum penalty for late filing is \$50, even if no tax is due for the reporting period.

Therefore, even if there was no sales tax collected, you need to file or will get \$50 penalty!

http://www.oms.nysed.gov/medicaid/news_announcements/

Medicaid Program:

Make sure that someone is responsible for:

- Medicaid billing process
- Random Moment Time Study (They are back!)
- Medicaid Cost Report Filing (Due Date TBD)
- Required staff attend training

Medicaid in Education Alert

New York State Department of Health (DOH), Office of Health Insurance Programs (OHIP)

New York State Education Department (NYSED)

Preschool/School Supportive Health Services Program (SSHSP)

Medicaid in Education

Issue #21-05

To: All SSHSP Medicaid Providers

From: NYS DOH OHIP SSHSP & NYSED Medicaid in Education Unit

Date: November 5, 2021

Subject: Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) Upcoming Staff Pool Lists/Calendar

Certifications for the Rest of State (ROS)

The purpose of this Alert is to remind SSHSP providers that the Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) process associated with certified public expenditures (CPEs) did resume on October 1, 2021. Certification of the staff pool list (SPL) and calendar is an ongoing, quarterly process. Updates to the staff pool list(s) and calendar will need to be made for the January-March 2022 quarter, even when there are no changes to the current staff pool list..

Districts should log into the <u>RMTS system</u> and confirm the RMTS Coordinator contact information is correct or update the new coordinator's contact information so they receive current notification from PCG that staff pool lists and calendars can be certified. Public Consulting Group, Inc. (PCG) will be collecting staff pool lists and calendars and will open the RMTS system by November 10, 2021. PCG will be sending the RMTS Coordinator Manual, Coordinator training, Participant training, and a link to a system demonstration (located on the PCG Claiming System Dashboard under "Resources") to assist you in submitting your staff pool list and calendar certification.

Staff pool lists and calendar certifications for January - March 2022 are due **December 10**, **2021**. If staff pool lists and calendar certifications are not submitted by **December 10**, **2021**, PCG will use the last certified and approved staff pool list and calendar that is in the claiming system for the upcoming January - March quarter.

Wednesday, December 15 202⁻

SSHSP Medicaid 101: Part 1

Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 10:30am-11:30am

Event SSHSP Medicaid 101 Part 1

Type-Listed Event

Program-SSHSP Training

Event address for attendees:

meetnydirect.webex.com/meetnydirect/onstage/g.php?MTID=e530e6424a77fe8330b2757a178e55c8a

Date and time: Wednesday, December 15, 2021: 10:30-11:30AM

Eastern Daylight Time (New York, GMT-04:00)

Duration: 1 hour

Description:

Consistent with the New York State (NYS) Compliance Agreement with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), New York State is providing Preschool/School Supportive Health Services Program (SSHSP) training for relevant employees.

This is Part One of the "Medicaid 101" overview presentation. This session will review Fundamentals of the SSHSP. This includes: NYS Medicaid, SSHSP History, Compliance and Oversight, and Reimbursement Methodology and Billing Requirements.

Part Two of the "Medicaid 101" is presented separately. That session focuses on SSHSP Service Types and Documentation requirements.

Each session is approximately 1 hour.

This training is recommended for direct service providers, supervisors of direct service providers, compliance officers, and school district and county administrative staff responsible for overseeing or conducting the claiming process. It is presented at an introductory level that is appropriate for new staff.

Upcoming Medicaid Trainings – 12/21

Check their website for additional due dates and training opportunities

Completion of the Medicaid Cost Report:

- Documents actual costs
- They then compare "advances" you have received against actual costs

If you don't complete, they can take back all Medicaid revenue received for that year

Wednesday, December 15 2021

SSHSP Medicaid 101: Part 2

Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 1:30pm-2:30pm

Event SSHSP Medicaid 101 Part 2

Type-Listed Event

Program-SSHSP Training

Event address for attendees:

meetnydirect.webex.com/meetnydirect/onstage/g.php?MTID=ed5bc812008b7d00b62a0b00fb5f51808

Date and time: Wednesday, December 15, 2021: 1:30-2:30PM

Eastern Daylight Time (New York, GMT-04:00)

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ERS Invoice Due 12/15/21

- ERS bill covers April 1, 2021 March 31, 2022
- If paid by December 15, 2021, get a discount, otherwise due by February 1, 2022
- Make sure payment is recorded properly in the books:

Debit: A637-Due to ERS XX (Balance from 6/30/21)

Debit: A9010.8 – ERS Exp. XX (Difference)

Credit: A200 – Cash XX (Total Paid)

- Recommended that you have a PO established for the estimated ERS liability for April June 2022
- □ Start planning for 2022-23......

DiNapoli Announces Reduction in Employer Contribution Rates for Retirement System

State Pension Fund is 99.3% Funded, One of the Best Funded in the U.S.

August 25, 2021

New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli today announced reductions in employer contribution rates to the New York State and Local Retirement System (NYSLRS) for both of its systems – the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) and Police and Fire Retirement System (PFRS). The adjusted rates will impact payments next State Fiscal Year 2022-23. In addition, DiNapoli lowered the long-term assumed rate of return on the Fund's investments from 6.8% to 5.9%.

"The Fund's strength gives us the ability to weather volatile markets. Our prudent strategy for long-term, steady returns helps ensure our state's pension fund will continue to be one of the nation's strongest and best-funded," DiNapoli said. "While the reduction in employer contribution rates is welcome news for taxpayers, our investment decisions are always made based on what is best for our 1.1 million working and retired members and their beneficiaries."

The estimated average employer contribution rate for ERS will be lowered from 16.2% to 11.6% of payroll. The estimated average employer contribution rate for PFRS will be reduced from 28.3% to 27% of payroll. According to the Fund's Actuary's estimates, the expected total employer contributions for Feb. 1, 2023 are \$4.4 billion, which is \$1.5 billion less than the expected employer contributions during the same period for 2022 – the lowest level since 2011.

This marks the fourth time that DiNapoli has lowered the state pension fund's assumed rate of return as economic and demographic conditions have changed. In 2010, he decreased the rate from 8% to 7.5%, in 2015 to 7% and in 2019 to 6.8%.

The median assumed rate of return among state public pension funds is 7.0% as of August 2021, according to the National Association of State Retirement Administrators. Thirty-four out of the 133 state public pension plans listed had assumed rates of return of less than 7%. There are plans that have a fiscal year end date of June 30, 2021 and many have already announced intentions to lower their assumed rates of return further.

DiNapoli also announced the funded ratio of the state pension fund is 99.3%.

The state pension fund's annualized rates of return are 11.17% over the past five years, 9.19.% over 10 years, 7.65% over 20 years and 8.96% over 30 years.

(all rates are expressed as a %)									
		2/1/2023 Rates	2/1/2022 <u>Rates</u>	Expected Long-Term Rates	2/1/2023 Rates	2/1/2022 Rates			
ment Plan	Plan ID		Tiers 3 &	4		Tier 5			
le 14 & Article 15	A14 & A15	12.9	18.0	15.9	11.0	15.0	13.5		
unty Law Enforcement	89-e-ts,603h3,603h4 89-vr,89-sp,603r3,604s4	16.5	22.8	20.4	14.6	19.8	18.0		
5 Yr Nassau County Fire Marshalls	89-w	16.8	23.3	20.8	14.9	20.4	18.5		
I4B 25 Year Plan	551	17.4	24.3	21.5	15.6	21.4	19.3		
25 Year Plan Additional 1/60ths	551e	18.3	25.5	22.7	16.7	23.0	20.7		
25 Year Plan Additional 1/60ths All Service	551ee	19.0	26.5	23.5	17.3	23.9	21.5		
20 Year Plan	552	21.1	30.1	26.1	19.4	27.4	24.0		
0 Year Plan Additional 1/60ths	553	21.5	30.4	26.7	20.0	28.1	24.8		
Year Plan Additional 1/60ths All Service	553b	22.4	31.6	27.7	20.8	29.1	25.8		
Yr Add'l 1/60ths Nassau Cnty Amb Med Techs	89-sa	17.6	24.6	21.8	16.1	22.0	19.9		
r Add'l 1/60ths Town of Tonawanda Paramedics	89-v	17.1	23.6	21.1	15.5	21.1	19.2		
Add'l 1/60ths Rockland &	603or, 604pr,	20.5	28.8	25.4	19.0	26.4	23.6		
County Investigators	603qs, 604rs								
chester County Investigators	WCI03, WCI04	21.0	29.9	26.0	19.3	27.3	Employees' Retirement System		
s in addition to plan rates)							cted Long-Term Rates with Fiscal Year End 2022 and 2023 Final Rates (all rates are expressed as a %)		
	CCSV/SCHSV	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1		(all lates all supressed as a 70)		
	41-j	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1		Expe		
	607-c	1.0	1.6	1.3					
	607-c & 607-d	1.2	1.8	15			2/1/2023 2/1/2022 Long-		

Employees' Retirement System

Note: ERS rates are going down, TRS rates are estimated to be going up to 10%-10.5%

607-c(f)

1.5		2/1/2023	2/1/2022	Long-Term
		Rates	Rates	Rates
Retirement Plan	Plan ID		Tier 6	
Article 14 & Article 15	A14 & A15	8.1	10.5	9.9
County Law Enforcement	89-e-ts,603h3,603h4	11.4	14.4	14.0
	89-vr,89-sp,603r3,604s4			
25 Yr Nassau County Fire Marshalls	89-w	11.7	14.9	14.4
14B 25 Year Plan	551	12.3	15.9	15.1
25 Year Plan Additional 1/60ths	551e	13.4	17.5	16.6
25 Year Plan Additional 1/60ths All Service	551ee	13.9	18.2	17.2
20 Year Plan	552	16.0	21.8	19.7
20 Year Plan Additional 1/60ths	553	16.8	22.7	20.8
20 Year Plan Additional 1/60ths All Service	553b	17.5	23.5	21.6
25 Yr Add'l 1/60ths Nassau Cnty Amb Med Techs	89-sa	13.0	16.8	16.0
25 Yr Add'l 1/60ths Town of Tonawanda Paramedics	89-v	12.4	16.0	15.3
20 Yr Add'l 1/60ths Rockland &	603or, 604pr,	16.2	21.6	20.0
Suffolk County Investigators	603qs, 604rs			
20 Yr Westchester County Investigators	WCI03, WCI04	16.1	22.0	19.9
Options (rates are in addition to plan rates)				
School Service	CCSV/SCHSV	0.1	0.1	0.1
Sick Leave	41-j	0.1	0.2	0.1
	100 day limit	0.1	0.1	0.1
County 75% POD without heart	607-c	0.9	1.5	1.2
County 75% POD with heart	607-c & 607-d	1.1	1.7	1.4
County 75% POD act of a civilian	607-c(f)	0.2	0.2	0.2
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Expected

Final Cost Reports (FCR)

Do you have any capital projects that are complete that you want to have a full year of Building Aid to start in 21-22?

- FCR need to be approved by 12/31/21
 - Need to give SED time to review them so please don't wait until 12/31 to submit
 - Also, need SA-139 and Certificate of Substantial Completion (CSC) submitted, and project has to have been approved at least by 7/1/20 (CAD >=18 months)



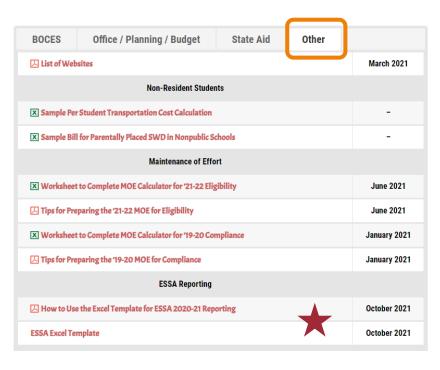
ESSA Reporting



□ Due December 31, 2021
 (Big 5 – March 1st)

- □ SED Guidance at:

 http://www.nysed.gov/essa/financial-transparency
- We have a template on our website to help gather the costs into the ESSA Report format
- Webinar Recording:
- https://www.questar.org/services/financial/stateaid-financial-planning/webinar-recordings/
- Under Special Webinars 10/27/21





Summary



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- December is a good time to review how the year is going and to get caught up on outstanding items.
- Claim Forms and/or ST-3 should be revised so information pulled on 1/15/22 is as accurate as possible as that is what April State Budget is based upon.
- Get audit reports in so State Aid is not withheld.
- Transparency Reporting some districts will start having State Aid withheld in January this year if reports are not approved by then – don't be one of them!



Summary





- Monitor current year's financial reports to ensure:
 - Federal grant activity is properly recorded in (F).
 - Encumbrances made for payroll, fringes, debt service and other major expenditure areas.
 - Monthly General Fund reports are accurate so fund balance projections can also be reasonable.
- Review budget process with Superintendent and key administrators.
- Draw down funds from state and federal grants using Form FS-25.
- Enjoy your winter break!



Questions?

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Upcoming dates:

Wednesday:

12/15/21, 1/19/22, 2/16/22, 3/23/22, 4/20/22, 5/18/22, 6/22/22