



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR ELIGIBLE CHILDREN RECEIVING IN-STATE INPATIENT TREATMENT OF EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCES

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OVERVIEW

As required by [20-7-435](#), MCA this report provides on the implementation and an analysis that supports each daily rate for each qualifying facility.

Montana facilities that treat children, such as a children's psychiatric hospital, a residential treatment facility, or a therapeutic group home, are required to ensure that the children in their programs receive an appropriate education. The In-State Facility Education Reimbursement Program offers the opportunity for facilities that treat children to contract with the Office of Public Instruction(OPI) and receive reimbursement for their educational costs.

The reimbursement is a set daily rate, calculated at the time of the contract, which the OPI will pay monthly. The facility is responsible for submitting monthly reimbursement requests to the OPI and billing the remaining costs to each students' District of Residence. Submissions are completed electronically through the MAEFAIRs system. Monthly reimbursement requests are reviewed and verified by an OPI School Finance team member and the findings are reviewed and confirmed by a separate OPI School Finance team member before the reimbursement is disbursed.

FISCAL YEAR 2024 OVERVIEW

FY24 Review					
		Appropriation	\$	2,997,542.00	
		Expenditures	\$	2,614,524.94	
		Significant Need Grants	\$	383,017.06	
Facility Information			Financial Overview		
Facility	Grade	Annual Enrollment Days Total	Daily Rate (DOR)	Daily Rate (OPI)	Total Payout
Aware Center for Excellence	K-8	1676	\$ 14.17	\$ 179.86	\$ 435,231.96
	9--12	760	\$ 17.98	\$ 176.05	
Intermountain Children's Home	K-8	980	\$ 14.17	\$ 181.15	\$ 177,527.00
	9--12	0	\$ 17.98	\$ -	
New Day Inc	K-8	4679	\$ 14.17	\$ 57.40	\$ 571,036.56
	9--12	5644	\$ 17.98	\$ 53.59	
Shodair Children's Hospital	K-8	1456	\$ 14.17	\$ 125.53	\$ 438,627.12
	9--12	2102	\$ 17.98	\$ 121.72	
Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch	K-8	5734	\$ 14.17	\$ 74.20	\$ 992,102.30
	9--12	8050	\$ 17.98	\$ 70.39	

FISCAL YEAR 2025 ESTIMATES

FY25 Rates & Estimates					
		Appropriation	\$	3,006,885.00	
		Expenditures	\$	2,777,464.90	
		Significant Need Grants	\$	229,420.10	
Facility Information			Financial Overview		
Facility	Grade	Annual Enrollment Days Estimated	Daily Rate (DOR)	Daily Rate (OPI)	Estimated Payout
Aware Center for Excellence	K-8	1730	\$ 14.49	\$ 256.62	\$ 651,158.40
	9--12	820	\$ 18.42	\$ 252.69	
Intermountain Children's Home	K-8	1010	\$ 14.49	\$ 112.69	\$ 113,816.90
	9--12	0	\$ 18.42	\$ 108.76	
New Day Inc	K-8	4730	\$ 14.49	\$ 65.08	\$ 655,771.90
	9--12	5690	\$ 18.42	\$ 61.15	
Shodair Children's Hospital	K-8	1510	\$ 14.49	\$ 101.21	\$ 363,924.70
	9--12	2170	\$ 18.42	\$ 97.28	
Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch	K-8	5780	\$ 14.49	\$ 73.77	\$ 992,793.00
	9--12	8110	\$ 18.42	\$ 69.84	

CALCULATION OF RATES

The In-State Facility Financial Data Annual Report collects financial data from in-state facilities currently contracted with, or intending to contract with, the Office of Public Instruction. This documentation is due annually by December 1st and reports the prior fiscal year. Detailed supporting documentation for the costs reported is required; this may include employee documentation, copies of contracts, invoices, etc.

Allowable costs for the reimbursement calculation are costs which the facility would *not* have incurred if there was not an in-house education program. For example, education would not include items such as Human Resources, Information Technology, administrative support, food related costs including staffing, and janitorial. To make allowances for applicable administrative costs, an 8% Indirect Cost Recovery is included based on allowable itemized expenditures for education.

The Data Collection is submitted in a format prescribed by OPI and must be supported by documentation. Information is broken down into Staff Costs and Operational Costs, which are further split into Education and Treatment Programs.

**Aware Reported Education Program Costs
Reporting FY23 Costs to Calculate FY25 Rates**

Education Employees Costs	
Position Category	FTE
Director	0.38
Administrator	1.00
Teacher	4.00
Teaching Assistant	0.00
Education Oriented Health or Medical (such as Speech/Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist , etc.)	0.00
Contracted Services	0.00
Other	0.00
Total	5.38
Salary & Benefits	Total Cost
Director	\$ 30,431.96
Administrator	\$ 66,538.38
Teacher	\$ 142,984.92
Teaching Assistant	\$ -
Education Oriented Health or Medical (such as Speech/Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist , etc.)	\$ -
Contracted Services	\$ -
Other	\$ -
Total	\$ 239,955.26
Education Program Costs	
Contracted Services (ABA Services)	\$ -
Professional Fees	\$ 52.00
Administrative Supplies	\$ 22,936.00
Program Supplies (Includes Curriculum)	\$ 60,168.67
Occupancy (dedicated education program space with no treatment use)	\$ 226,159.00
Asset Depreciation (dedicated education program space with no treatment use)	\$ 69,188.00
Utilities (dedicated education program space with no treatment use)	\$ 47,329.00
Communications	\$ 24,802.00
Postage & Printing	\$ 1,647.00
Insurance	\$ 6,766.00
Equipment & Vehicles	\$ 150.00
Travel	\$ 513.00
Personnel Training	\$ 138.00
Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions	\$ 3,909.00
Furniture & Fixtures	\$ 412.00
Total	\$ 464,169.67
Employee + Program	\$ 704,124.93
8% Indirect Cost Rate	\$ 56,329.99
Total Educational Cost for Calculation	\$ 760,454.92

Aware Daily Rate Calculation	
Educational Costs	\$ 760,454.92
Average Enrollment	12.75
Number of School Days	220
Total Daily Rate Calculation	\$ 271.11
Elementary District of Residence Daily Rate	\$ 14.49
Elementary OPI Daily Rate	\$ 256.62
High School District of Residence Daily Rate	\$ 18.42
High School OPI Daily Rate	\$ 252.69

**Intermountain Reported Education Program Costs
Reporting FY23 Costs to Calculate FY25 Rates**

Education Employees Costs	
Position Category	FTE
Director	1.00
Administrator	0.00
Teacher	2.42
Teaching Assistant	0.00
Education Oriented Health or Medical (such as Speech/Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist , etc.)	7.11
Contracted Services	0.00
Other	0.35
Total	10.88
Salary & Benefits	Total Cost
Director	\$ 80,513.83
Administrator	\$ -
Teacher	\$ 101,008.03
Teaching Assistant	\$ -
Education Oriented Health or Medical (such as Speech/Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist , etc.)	\$ 236,450.46
Contracted Services	\$ -
Other	\$ 16,311.90
Total	\$ 434,284.22
Education Program Costs	
Contracted Services (ABA Services)	\$ 37.00
Professional Fees	\$ -
Administrative Supplies	\$ 272.20
Program Supplies (Includes Curriculum)	\$ 4,461.70
Occupancy (dedicated education program space with no treatment use)	\$ -
Asset Depreciation (dedicated education program space with no treatment use)	\$ -
Utilities (dedicated education program space with no treatment use)	\$ -
Communications	\$ -
Postage & Printing	\$ -
Insurance	\$ -
Equipment & Vehicles	\$ -
Travel	\$ 1,398.57
Personnel Training	\$ -
Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions	\$ 4,400.00
Furniture & Fixtures	\$ -
Total	\$ 10,569.47
Employee + Program	\$ 444,853.69
8% Indirect Cost Rate	\$ 35,588.30
Total Educational Cost for Calculation	\$ 480,441.99

Intermountain Daily Rate Calculation	
Educational Costs	\$ 480,441.99
Average Enrollment	18.25
Number of School Days	207
Total Daily Rate Calculation	\$ 127.18
Elementary District of Residence Daily Rate	\$ 14.49
Elementary OPI Daily Rate	\$ 112.69
High School District of Residence Daily Rate	\$ 18.42
High School OPI Daily Rate	\$ 108.76

**New Day Reported Education Program Costs
Reporting FY23 Costs to Calculate FY25 Rates**

Education Employees Costs	
Position Category	FTE
Director	1.00
Administrator	1.00
Teacher	1.00
Teaching Assistant	5.50
Education Oriented Health or Medical (such as Speech/Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist , etc.)	0.50
Contracted Services	0.00
Other	3.50
Total	12.50
Salary & Benefits	Total Cost
Director	\$ 71,181.17
Administrator	\$ 88,251.00
Teacher	\$ 55,620.00
Teaching Assistant	\$ 185,620.10
Education Oriented Health or Medical (such as Speech/Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist , etc.)	\$ 16,034.63
Contracted Services	\$ -
Other	\$ 144,218.41
Total	\$ 560,925.31
Education Program Costs	
Contracted Services (ABA Services)	\$ -
Professional Fees	\$ -
Administrative Supplies	\$ 8,564.27
Program Supplies (Includes Curriculum)	\$ -
Occupancy (dedicated education program space with no treatment use)	\$ -
Asset Depreciation (dedicated education program space with no treatment use)	\$ 84,995.53
Utilities (dedicated education program space with no treatment use)	\$ 1,525.39
Communications	\$ 1,725.00
Postage & Printing	\$ -
Insurance	\$ 38,084.49
Equipment & Vehicles	\$ -
Travel	\$ 997.28
Personnel Training	\$ 5,549.00
Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions	\$ -
Furniture & Fixtures	\$ -
Total	\$ 141,440.96
Employee + Program	\$ 702,366.27
8% Indirect Cost Rate	\$ 56,189.30
Total Educational Cost for Calculation	\$ 758,555.57

New Day Daily Rate Calculation	
Educational Costs	\$ 758,555.57
Average Enrollment	43.33
Number of School Days	220
Total Daily Rate Calculation	\$ 79.57
Elementary District of Residence Daily Rate	\$ 14.49
Elementary OPI Daily Rate	\$ 65.08
High School District of Residence Daily Rate	\$ 18.42
High School OPI Daily Rate	\$ 61.15

**Shodair Reported Education Program Costs
Reporting FY23 Costs to Calculate FY25 Rates**

Education Employees Costs	
Position Category	FTE
Director	0.00
Administrator	0.00
Teacher	3.00
Teaching Assistant	4.00
Education Oriented Health or Medical (such as Speech/Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist , etc.)	1.00
Contracted Services	0.00
Other	0.00
Total	8.00
Salary & Benefits	Total Cost
Director	\$ -
Administrator	\$ -
Teacher	\$ 259,696.81
Teaching Assistant	\$ 119,155.18
Education Oriented Health or Medical (such as Speech/Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist , etc.)	\$ 9,052.79
Contracted Services	\$ -
Other	\$ -
Total	\$ 387,904.78
Education Program Costs	
Contracted Services (ABA Services)	\$ 60.00
Professional Fees	\$ 20.00
Administrative Supplies	\$ 47.00
Program Supplies (Includes Curriculum)	\$ 19,889.33
Occupancy (dedicated education program space with no treatment use)	\$ 51,248.00
Asset Depreciation (dedicated education program space with no treatment use)	\$ 61,210.00
Utilities (dedicated education program space with no treatment use)	\$ -
Communications	\$ -
Postage & Printing	\$ -
Insurance	\$ -
Equipment & Vehicles	\$ 60.00
Travel	\$ 100.00
Personnel Training	\$ -
Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions	\$ 1,200.00
Furniture & Fixtures	\$ -
Total	\$ 133,834.33
Employee + Program	\$ 521,739.11
8% Indirect Cost Rate	\$ 41,739.13
Total Educational Cost for Calculation	\$ 563,478.24

Shodair Daily Rate Calculation	
Educational Costs	\$ 563,478.24
Average Enrollment	19.25
Number of School Days	253
Total Daily Rate Calculation	\$ 115.70
Elementary District of Residence Daily Rate	\$ 14.49
Elementary OPI Daily Rate	\$ 101.21
High School District of Residence Daily Rate	\$ 18.42
High School OPI Daily Rate	\$ 97.28

**Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (YBGR) Reported Education Program Costs
Reporting FY23 Costs to Calculate FY25 Rates**

Education Employees Costs	
Position Category	FTE
Director	0.00
Administrator	0.00
Teacher	0.00
Teaching Assistant	0.00
Education Oriented Health or Medical (such as Speech/Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist , etc.)	0.00
Contracted Services	0.00
Other	0.00
Total	0.00
Salary & Benefits	Total Cost
Director	\$ -
Administrator	\$ -
Teacher	\$ -
Teaching Assistant	\$ -
Education Oriented Health or Medical (such as Speech/Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist , etc.)	\$ -
Contracted Services	\$ -
Other	\$ -
Total	\$ -
Education Program Costs	
Contracted Services (ABA Services)	\$ 1,325,880.60
Professional Fees	\$ -
Administrative Supplies	\$ -
Program Supplies (Includes Curriculum)	\$ -
Occupancy (dedicated education program space with no treatment use)	\$ -
Asset Depreciation (dedicated education program space with no treatment use)	\$ -
Utilities (dedicated education program space with no treatment use)	\$ -
Communications	\$ -
Postage & Printing	\$ -
Insurance	\$ -
Equipment & Vehicles	\$ -
Travel	\$ -
Personnel Training	\$ -
Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions	\$ -
Furniture & Fixtures	\$ -
Total	\$ 1,325,880.60
Employee + Program	\$ 1,325,880.60
8% Indirect Cost Rate	\$ 106,070.45
Total Educational Cost for Calculation	\$ 1,431,951.05

YBGR Daily Rate Calculation	
Educational Costs	\$ 1,431,951.05
Average Enrollment	73.75
Number of School Days	220
Total Daily Rate Calculation	\$ 88.26
Elementary District of Residence Daily Rate	\$ 14.49
Elementary OPI Daily Rate	\$ 73.77
High School District of Residence Daily Rate	\$ 18.42
High School OPI Daily Rate	\$ 69.84

EDUCATION PROGRAMS GOVERNANCE

School Finance Division Audit

Annual audits will be conducted by the OPI with the intent to ensure contractual and educational duties are being fulfilled. The audit is conducted once per facility per year and reviews documentation, program functions, and program structure. The audit is intended to review applicable education data within the documentation. Audit review includes:

- Physical visit and classroom observation
- Education Program Documentation
 - Copy of class schedule(s)
 - Record of current staff members in Education Program, including description of duties
 - Classroom function overview
- Business Documentation
 - Internal documentation of new patient intake process, highlighting how student education information is gathered
- Student Documentation, specific to pre-selected students
 - Admissions Paperwork
 - Student Attendance Agreement
 - Individual Education Program (IEP)
 - Records of Discharge/Transitional Planning

Special Education Division Audit

Special Education Audits are conducted in 3-year cycles and are coordinated with the School Finance Division to ensure there are not multiple audits within a year. The Special Education team reviews individual student records to verify that the Federal Regulations and Montana Administrative Rules (ARM) are compliant with Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Integrated Monitoring System (IMS) activities consist of:

- Cyclical visits to schools utilizing both on-site and virtual monitoring practices.
- A random sample of student records are selected for review along with the entity's current policies, procedures and practices.
- Technical assistance is provided as needed to individual teachers and specialists.
- Monitoring findings are issued to the entity's Director of Education.
 - The findings may be accompanied with strategic technical assistance.

Facility Education Programs and Reporting

All the currently contracted facilities are accredited by Cognia. In-State Facilities are responsible for student reporting and use the reporting system Infinite Campus (a.k.a. Achievement in Montana (AIM)) to submit required student information electronically. Users are supported by the OPI AIM team and informed of requirements via user guides, AIM staff notifications, and OPI publications.

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