

BEFORE THE
COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE TEST CLAIM ON:

Education Code Sections 51934; 51935; 51938;
and 51939 (Formerly 51201.5 and 51229.8)

Statutes 1991, Chapter 818; Renumbered by
Statutes 2003, Chapter 650;

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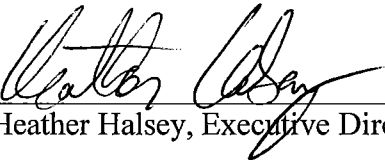
AIDS Instruction and AIDS Prevention Instruction

ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO
PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES
PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE
SECTION 17557 AND TITLE 2, CALIFORNIA
CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 1183.12

(Adopted on March 23, 2012)

AMENDMENT TO PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES

On March 23, 2012, the Commission on State Mandates adopted amendments to the parameters and guidelines for the above-entitled matter.



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AMENDMENT TO CONSOLIDATION OF PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES

Education Code Sections 51934, 51935, 51938, and 51939 (Formerly 51201.5 and 51229.8)
Statutes 1991, Chapter 818; Renumbered by Statutes 2003, Chapter 650

AIDS Instruction
(CSM 4422)
and

Education Code Sections 51934, 51938, 51939, and 51933(b)(2)
(Formerly 51201.5, 51554 and 51553(b)(1)(A))
Statutes 1998, Chapter 403; Renumbered by Statutes 2003, Chapter 650

AIDS Prevention Instruction
(99-TC-07, 00-TC-01)
11-PGA-05

I. SUMMARY OF THE MANDATE

The Commission on State Mandates (Commission), on February 25, 1993, determined that the provisions of Education Code sections 51201.5 and 51229.8, as added by Statutes 1991, chapter 818, impose a new program or higher level of service in an existing program on school districts, within the meaning of article XIII B, section 6 of the California Constitution and Government Code section 17514.

The Commission determined that the provisions of Education Code sections 51201.5 and 51229.8 require school districts to cooperatively plan and conduct in-service training for all teachers and school employees who provide AIDS prevention instruction, including salaries and benefits of resource teachers who instruct employees and students; to provide appropriate written notice explaining the purpose of the AIDS prevention instruction to each pupil's parent or guardian; and to participate in the selection and purchase of AIDS instructional materials.

The Commission also determined that providing in-classroom AIDS prevention instruction to students does not impose a new program or a higher level of service in an existing program on school districts. On October 24, 2002, the Commission adopted its statement of decision finding that Education Code sections 51201.5 and 51554 as added or amended by Statutes 1998, chapter 403 impose new activities on school districts within the meaning of section 6, article XIII B of the California Constitution and Government Code section 17514 for the following activities:

- Including in the AIDS prevention instruction requirements the following: (1) emphasis on monogamy and the avoidance of multiple sexual partners; (2) discussion of compassion for persons suffering from debilitating handicaps and terminal diseases; (3) prohibiting the instruction be conducted so as to advocate drug use, a particular sexual practice, or sexual activities, and (4) requiring that the instruction be consistent with sex education course criteria of Education Code section 51553 (Ed. Code, § 51201.5(b).);
- Revising the annual parent or guardian notifications regarding the right to obtain a copy of Education Code sections 51201.5 and 51553 from the school district (Ed. Code, § 51201.5(d).);
- Keeping file copies of Education Code sections 51201.5 and 51553 and making them available to parents or guardians on request (Ed. Code, § 51201.5(d).);
- Notifying parents or guardians by mail or other method used by the school district to provide notices each time an outside organization or guest speaker is scheduled to deliver AIDS prevention instruction, each time an assembly is held to deliver AIDS prevention instruction, including: (a) the date of the instruction, (b) the name of the organization or affiliation of each guest speaker, and (c) information to parents on their right to obtain a copy of Education Code sections 51201.5 and 51553 from the district. This activity is a new program or higher level of service only if the notification is due to the twice-required (once in junior high or middle school and once in high school) AIDS prevention instruction. Assemblies or guest speakers that occur or appear more frequently than the twice-required instruction per student are not mandated and are therefore at the option of the school or school district (Ed. Code, § 51201.5(d)(3).);
- Providing notification to parents or guardians, at the beginning of each school year or, for pupils that enroll thereafter, at the time of that pupil's enrollment, about instruction on sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS, human sexuality or family life that is delivered in an assembly by a teacher or district administrator that is employed by the district only if the notification is due to the twice-required (once in junior high or middle school and once in high school) AIDS prevention instruction. Assemblies or guest speakers that occur or appear more frequently than the twice-required instruction per student are not mandated and are therefore at the option of the school or school district (Ed. Code, § 51554(b).).

Statutes 2003, Chapter 650 reorganized these provisions by moving the requirements of Education Code sections 51201.5, 51229.8, 51553, and 51554 to Education Code sections 51933, 51934, 51935, 51938, and 51939. The reimbursable activities remain unchanged.

On March 23, 2012, the Commission amended the parameters and guidelines to reflect the new code sections and to update the boilerplate language.

In addition, for costs incurred beginning July 1, 2010, the amended parameters and guidelines require school districts to use the California Department of Education approved indirect cost rate for the year that funds are expended.

II. ELIGIBLE CLAIMANTS

Any “school district” as defined in Government Code section 17519, with students in grades 7 to 12, which incurs increased costs as a result of this mandate is eligible to claim reimbursement. Charter schools are not eligible claimants.

III. PERIOD OF REIMBURSEMENT

The amendments made to these parameters and guidelines become effective as follows:

The amendment made to Section V(B) of these parameters and guidelines addressing the indirect cost rate, is effective beginning July 1, 2010. Pursuant to Government Code section 17557(d)(1), “A parameters and guidelines amendment filed more than 90 days after the claiming deadline for initial claims, as specified in the claiming instructions pursuant to section 17561, and on or before the claiming deadline following a fiscal year, shall establish reimbursement eligibility for that fiscal year. The State Controller’s Office filed this request to amend the parameters and guidelines on September 29, 2011, making the amendment to Section V(B) of these parameters and guidelines effective for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

The remaining amendments to these parameters and guidelines are statements of existing law and do not change the reimbursement for this program.

Reimbursement for state-mandated costs may be claimed as follows:

1. Actual costs for one fiscal year shall be included in each claim.
2. Pursuant to Government Code section 17561(d)(1)(A), all claims for reimbursement of initial fiscal year costs shall be submitted to the State Controller within 120 days of the issuance date for the claiming instructions.
3. Pursuant to Government Code section 17560(a), a school district may, by February 15 following the fiscal year in which costs were incurred, file an annual reimbursement claim that details the costs actually incurred for that fiscal year.
4. If revised claiming instructions are issued by the Controller pursuant to Government Code section 17558(c) between November 15 and February 15, a school district filing an annual reimbursement claim shall have 120 days following the issuance date of the revised claiming instructions to file a claim. (Government Code section 17560(b).)
5. If the total costs for a given fiscal year do not exceed \$1,000, no reimbursement shall be allowed except as otherwise allowed by Government Code section 17564(a).
6. There shall be no reimbursement for any period in which the Legislature has suspended the operation of a mandate pursuant to state law.

IV. REIMBURSABLE ACTIVITIES

To be eligible for mandated cost reimbursement for any fiscal year, only actual costs may be claimed. Actual costs are those costs actually incurred to implement the mandated activities. Actual costs must be traceable and supported by source documents that show the validity of such costs, when they were incurred, and their relationship to the reimbursable activities. A source document is a document created at or near the same time the actual cost was incurred

for the event or activity in question. Source documents may include, but are not limited to, employee time records or time logs, sign-in sheets, invoices, and receipts.

Evidence corroborating the source documents may include, but is not limited to, worksheets, cost allocation reports (system generated), purchase orders, contracts, agendas, and declarations. Declarations must include a certification or declaration stating, "I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct," and must further comply with the requirements of Code of Civil Procedure section 2015.5. Evidence corroborating the source documents may include data relevant to the reimbursable activities otherwise in compliance with local, state, and federal government requirements. However, corroborating documents cannot be substituted for source documents.

The claimant is only allowed to claim and be reimbursed for increased costs for reimbursable activities identified below. Increased cost is limited to the cost of an activity that the claimant is required to incur as a result of the mandate.

For each eligible claimant, the following activities are eligible for reimbursement:

A. Instructional Costs

1. In-service training

The costs of instructors in providing HIV/AIDS prevention instruction to school district employees with assigned responsibility for providing the HIV/AIDS prevention instruction to grades 7-12. In addition, the salaries and related benefits for the time of the school district employee with assigned responsibility for HIV/AIDS prevention instruction in grades 7-12, while in the training class is also reimbursable.

2. HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction

The salaries and related benefits of non-classroom district employees, such as resource teachers, who provide this mandated HIV/AIDS prevention instruction to students of the district will be reimbursed.

Beginning January 1, 1999, instruction includes the following: (1) emphasis on monogamy and the avoidance of multiple sexual partners; (2) discussion of compassion for persons suffering from debilitating handicaps and terminal diseases; (3) prohibiting the instruction be conducted so as to advocate drug use, a particular sexual practice, or sexual activities, and (4) requiring that the instruction be consistent with sex education course criteria of Education Code section 51933 (formerly Ed. Code, § 51553). (Ed. Code, § 51934(b), formerly Ed. Code, § 51201.5(b).);

The reasonable costs of consultants providing this instruction are also reimbursable. However, in-classroom teacher time is not a reimbursable item.

3. Planning

The costs of planning by the school district and by the county office of education for the AIDS instruction in-service program. The salaries and benefits of district employees participating in this cooperative in-service training and planning project are reimbursable.

4. Instructional Materials

The salaries and benefits of the employees of the school district and of the county office of education involved in the selection process that identifies instructional materials and the cost of those materials are reimbursable.

Beginning January 1, 1999, instructional material must accurately reflect Education Code section 51934(b) (formerly Ed. Code, § 51201.5(b)).

B. Notification

1. Annual Parent Notification

a. Providing written notification to parents or guardians informing them of planned AIDS prevention instruction and their options.

2. Parent Notification of Guest Speaker and/or Assembly on AIDS Prevention

a. Beginning January 1, 1999, notifying parents or guardians by mail or other method used by the school district to provide notices each time an outside organization or guest speaker is scheduled to deliver AIDS prevention instruction, and each time an assembly is held to deliver AIDS prevention instruction, including: (a) the date of the instruction, (b) the name of the organization or affiliation of each guest speaker, and (c) informing parents or guardians of their right to obtain a copy of Education Code sections 51933, 51934 (formerly 51201.5, and 51938 (formerly 51533) from the district. This activity is reimbursable only if the notification is due to the twice-required (once in junior high or middle school and once in high school) AIDS prevention instruction.¹ (Ed. Code, § 51938(a)(2), formerly Ed. Code, § 51201.5(d)(3).)

b. Beginning January 1, 1999, notifying parents or guardians at the beginning of each school year, or for pupils that enroll thereafter, at the time of that pupil's enrollment, about instruction on sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS, human sexuality or family life that is delivered in an assembly by a teacher or school district personnel that is employed by the district. This activity is reimbursable only if the notification is due to the twice-required (once in junior high or middle school and once in high school) AIDS prevention instruction.² (Ed. Code, § 51938(a)(2), formerly Ed. Code, § 51554.)

C. Education Code sections 51933 51934, and 51938 (formerly 51201.5 and 51553)

1. Beginning January 1, 1999, the one-time cost of revising the annual parent or guardian notification regarding the right to obtain a copy of Education Code sections 51933, 51934, and 51938 (formerly 51201.5 and 51553) from the school district.

¹ Notification for assemblies or guest speakers that occur or appear more frequently is not reimbursable.

² Ibid.

1. Beginning January 1, 1999, keeping on file copies of Education Code sections 51933, 51934, and 51938 (formerly Ed. Code, §§ 51201.5 and 51553) to give out on request.

V. CLAIM PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

Beginning with reimbursement claims filed for fiscal year 2003-2004 and beyond, actual costs for reimbursable activities IV. B. 1 and 2 shall be claimed based on the uniform allowance of \$0.0664 per notification adopted by the Commission pursuant to Government Code section 17557. The uniform allowance shall be adjusted each subsequent year by the Implicit Price Deflator referenced in Government Code section 17523.

The uniform allowance covers all the direct and indirect costs of performing the activities described in section IV B. 1 and 2. Direct costs are those costs incurred specifically for the reimbursable activities. Indirect costs are costs that are incurred for a common or joint purpose, benefiting more than one program, and are not directly assignable to a particular department or program without efforts disproportionate to the result achieved. Indirect costs may include both (1) overhead costs of the unit performing the mandate; and (2) the costs of the central government services distributed to the other departments based on a systematic and rational basis through a cost allocation plan.

Uniform Allowance for *AIDS Prevention Instruction* (Activities IV. B 1 and 2 of these parameters and guidelines) – The uniform allowance is comprised of a fixed cost per notification distributed to parents and guardians. Reimbursement is determined by multiplying the uniform allowance for the appropriate fiscal year by the number of notifications.

Each of the following cost elements must be identified for each reimbursable activity identified in Section IV A and C of this document. Each claimed reimbursable cost must be supported by source documentation as described in Section IV. Additionally, each reimbursement claim must be filed in a timely manner.

A. Direct Cost Reporting

Direct costs are those costs incurred specifically for the reimbursable activities. Direct costs that are eligible for reimbursement are:

1. Salaries and Benefits

Report each employee implementing the reimbursable activities by name, job classification, and productive hourly rate (total wages and related benefits divided by productive hours). Describe the specific reimbursable activities performed and the hours devoted to each reimbursable activity performed.

2. Materials and Supplies

Report the cost of materials and supplies that have been consumed or expended for the purpose of the reimbursable activities. Purchases shall be claimed at the actual price after deducting discounts, rebates, and allowances received by the claimant. Supplies that are withdrawn from inventory shall be charged on an appropriate and recognized method of costing, consistently applied.

3. Contracted Services

Report the name of the contractor and services performed to implement the reimbursable activities. Attach a copy of the contract to the claim. If the contractor bills for time and materials, report the number of hours spent on the activities and all costs charged. If the contract is a fixed price, report the dates when services were performed and itemize all costs for those services.

4. Fixed Assets

Report the purchase price paid for fixed assets (including computers) necessary to implement the reimbursable activities. The purchase price includes taxes, delivery costs, and installation costs. If the fixed asset is also used for purposes other than the reimbursable activities, only the pro-rata portion of the purchase price used to implement the reimbursable activities can be claimed.

5. Travel

Report the name of the employee traveling for the purpose of the reimbursable activities. Include the date of travel, destination point, the specific reimbursable activity requiring travel, and related travel expenses reimbursed to the employee in compliance with the rules of the local jurisdiction. Report employee travel time according to the rules of cost element A.1, Salaries and Benefits, for each applicable reimbursable activity.

6. Training

Report the cost of training an employee to perform the reimbursable activities, as specified in Section IV of this document. Report the name and job classification of each employee preparing for, attending, and/or conducting training necessary to implement the reimbursable activities. Provide the title, subject, and purpose (related to the mandate of the training session), dates attended, and location. If the training encompasses subjects broader than the reimbursable activities, only the pro-rata portion can be claimed. Report employee training time for each applicable reimbursable activity according to the rules of cost element A.1, Salaries and Benefits, and A.2, Materials and Supplies. Report the cost of consultants who conduct the training according to the rules of cost element A.3, Contracted Services.

B. Indirect Cost Rates

Indirect costs are costs that have been incurred for common or joint purposes. These costs benefit more than one cost objective and cannot be readily identified with a particular final cost objective without effort disproportionate to the results achieved. After direct costs have been determined and assigned to other activities, as appropriate, indirect costs are those remaining to be allocated to benefited cost objectives. A cost may not be allocated as an indirect cost if any other cost incurred for the same purpose, in like circumstances, has been claimed as a direct cost.

Indirect costs include: (a) the indirect costs originating in each department or agency of the governmental unit carrying out state mandated programs, and (b) the costs of central governmental services distributed through the central service cost allocation plan and not otherwise treated as direct costs.

Beginning July 1, 2010, school districts must use the California Department of Education approved indirect cost rate for the year that funds are expended.

VI. RECORD RETENTION

Pursuant to Government Code section 17558.5(a), a reimbursement claim for actual costs filed by a local agency or school district pursuant to this chapter³ is subject to the initiation of an audit by the Controller no later than three years after the date that the actual reimbursement claim is filed or last amended, whichever is later. However, if no funds are appropriated or no payment is made to a claimant for the program for the fiscal year for which the claim is filed, the time for the Controller to initiate an audit shall commence to run from the date of initial payment of the claim. All documents used to support the reimbursable activities, as described in Section IV, must be retained during the period subject to audit. If an audit has been initiated by the Controller during the period subject to audit, the retention period is extended until the ultimate resolution of any audit findings.

VII. OFFSETTING REVENUES AND OTHER REIMBURSEMENTS

Any offsetting revenues the claimant experiences in the same program as a result of the same statutes or executive orders found to contain the mandate shall be deducted from the costs claimed. In addition, reimbursement for this mandate received from any source, including but not limited to, service fees collected, federal funds and other state funds shall be identified and deducted from this claim.

VIII. STATE CONTROLLER'S REVISED CLAIMING INSTRUCTIONS

Pursuant to Government Code section 17558(c), the Controller shall issue revised claiming instructions for each mandate that requires state reimbursement not later than 90 days after receiving the revised parameters and guidelines from the Commission, to assist local agencies and school districts in claiming costs to be reimbursed. The revised claiming instructions shall be derived from the statute or executive order creating the mandate and the revised parameters and guidelines adopted by the Commission.

Pursuant to Government Code section 17561(d)(2), issuance of the revised claiming instructions shall constitute a notice of the right of the local agencies and school districts to file reimbursement claims, based upon the revised parameters and guidelines adopted by the Commission.

IX. REMEDIES BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Upon request of a local agency or school district, the Commission shall review the claiming instructions issued by the State Controller or any other authorized state agency for reimbursement of mandated costs pursuant to Government Code section 17571. If the Commission determines that the claiming instructions do not conform to the parameters and guidelines, the Commission shall direct the Controller to modify the claiming instructions and the Controller shall modify the claiming instructions to conform to the parameters and guidelines as directed by the Commission.

³ This refers to Title 2, division 4, part 7, chapter 4 of the Government Code.

In addition, requests may be made to amend parameters and guidelines pursuant to Government Code section 17557(d), and California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 1183.2.

X. LEGAL AND FACTUAL BASIS FOR THE PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES

The Statement of Decision is legally binding on all parties and provides the legal and factual basis for the parameters and guidelines. The support for the legal and factual findings is found in the administrative record for the test claim. The administrative record, including the Statement of Decision, is on file with the Commission.