



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES *Administering the Children's Services Act*

Administrative Memo #26-06

To: CSA Coordinators, CPMT Chairs, and CSA Fiscal Agents. CSA Report Preparers
From: Scott Reiner
Re: CSA Reimbursement for Private Day Special Education Tuition – FY2027
Date: July 1, 2026

Pursuant to the recently enacted Appropriation Act (state budget), Chapter 1, Item 271.U., the Office of Children's Services will institute the following:

U. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for services provided on or after July 1, 2026, the rate of reimbursement to localities for private day educational services for the per student/per diem tuition rates shall not increase more than 2.5 percent over the per student/per diem tuition rates for such services provided in the previous year. The 2.5 percent increase shall be based on the maximum allowable amount for fiscal year 2026."

This Administrative Memo is intended to inform you of the implementation process for this requirement.

- The Office of Children's Services (OCS) has developed a "base year" rate sheet for all licensed Virginia and out-of-state private day schools that provided services to Virginia students in fiscal year 2026. Each school may have one or more rates to reflect different programs or tiers within the program. That base-year rate sheet is attached to this Administrative Memo.
- The attachment also includes a calculation of the maximum daily tuition that the CSA state pool will reimburse a locality for each school, program, and tier based on the 2.5 percent limit. Local CSA programs are directed to limit the requested state reimbursement to the maximum daily tuition rate indicated for fiscal year 2027.

- The 2.5 percent limit in state reimbursement increases will apply to both in-state and out-of-state private day programs (e.g., programs in Maryland).
- The above limitations apply only to the base daily tuition rate for students in private day schools, coded as Service Name 54 (Private Day School) or 72 (Private Day School Out-of-State) in the CSA LEDRS System. It will not be applied to additional and separate charges for educational services on a student's IEP, such as, but not limited to, speech, language, or occupational therapy, as called for by the student's IEP and coded as Service Name 36 (Special Education Related Services). Such additional charges should be reported separately from the base daily tuition rate and coded appropriately.
- If there are separate rates for extended school year (ESY) programs that are not listed on the attached document, please use your currently negotiated (2025-2026 school year) rate for ESY as the base and limit increases to 2.5 percent, as with the base daily rate for the "regular" school year.
- The above actions will not apply to the daily educational charge for students in psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTFs).
- OCS will regularly review LEDRS reimbursement submissions to identify any rates submitted above the maximum allowable amount and contact the locality to resolve these cases and potentially recover reimbursements above the permissible limits.

I appreciate your cooperation in assisting OCS with ensuring compliance with the directive in the Appropriation Act.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you believe there are inaccuracies in the base rates provided.

Attachments:

Private Day Rate Caps - FY2027-July_1_2026.pdf

Private Day Rate Caps - FY2027-July_1 2026 Out-of-State.pdf