



AB 114 Mental Health Services



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- ✎ **What is happening with Mental Health Services this year?**
- ✎ **The funding is still a carve-out within the overall Special Education Appropriation, but probably not for long . . .**
 - **Educationally related mental health funding receives a small increase in the State Budget**
 - **\$426 million allocated separately to SELPAs**
 - **\$357 million from state funds estimated at \$59.56 per ADA**
 - **\$69 million from federal funds estimated at \$11.51 per ADA**
 - **Funds must be used to provide educationally related mental health services for pupils with IEPs**



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- ✎ **So what qualifies as AB 114 legit services?**
- ✎ **Which staff can I bill to AB 114 funds?**
- ✎ **Are administrative staff costs eligible for AB 114 funds?**
- ✎ **Where should I go to find the answers?**

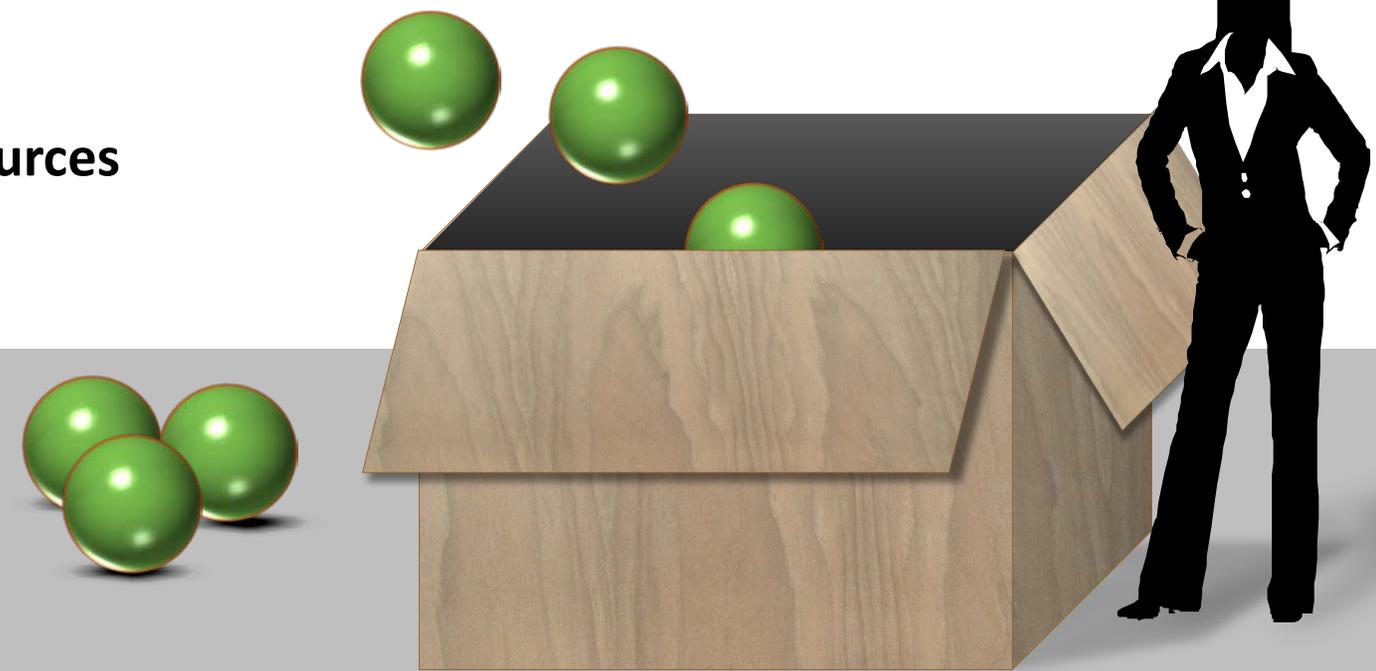


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📌 Lets unpack the mystery with some:

- Staffing Examples
- Tips
- Resources



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- 📌 **What qualifies for use of AB 114 funds?**
- 📌 **It can widely vary:**
 - **Student does NOT have to be Emotionally Disturbed to qualify**
 - **Autism**
 - **Speech**
 - **Other**

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Qualifying criteria, continued:

– Important criteria:

- It does need to be documented in the student IEP for the student to qualify

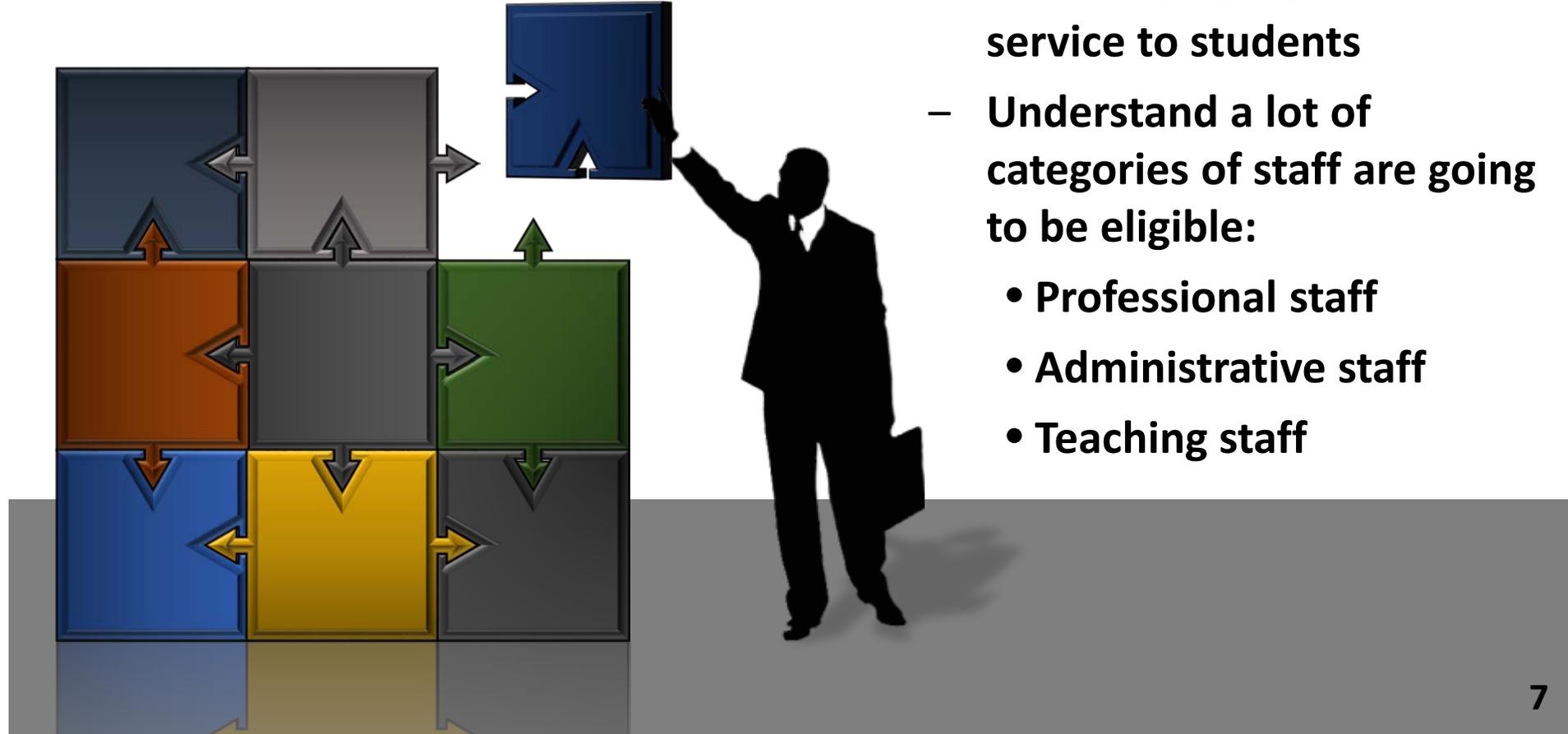


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It's important to:

- Make the nexus to direct service to students
- Understand a lot of categories of staff are going to be eligible:
 - Professional staff
 - Administrative staff
 - Teaching staff





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Staffing Examples:

- **Five psychologists in a school district are each working between 10%-40% of their time providing AB 114 mental health services to district students**
- **In this case, they should be tracking their hours, reporting their time accordingly, and the Special Education Department should bill that time to the AB 114 funding**





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- **The Special Education Director in the school district is spending 15% of his or her time providing direct leadership to the psychologists who are providing AB 114 mental health services, and is administering the development of the in-house services since the district took over the program from County Mental Health**
- **The 15% Director time should be documented accordingly and billed to AB 114 funds**



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- **The Special Education Department administrative staff spend 10% of their time documenting the AB 114 services the students in the district receive, and assisting in the billing for AB 114**
- **That 10% of administrative time associated with AB 114 direct services to students should be appropriately documented and charged to the AB 114 fund source**

Evaluate:

- **The direct services provided in accordance with the student IEPs**
- **Who is providing the services and their appropriate certification**
- **Who is directly engaged in the effort to provide those services – The nexus has to be clear**



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- ✍ **LEAs are required to determine what mental health-related services constitute Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)**
 - **LEAs should continue to work with County Mental Health providers to ensure the best services are available to provide services to students**
 - **LEAs have the ability to contract with county mental health for services – there is still experience and skills that are not available in an LEA to serve the students that reside with county mental health**
 - **LEAs do have the option to seek other providers – and should if they need to do so**



AB 114 Mental Health Services MOU

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- 📌 **Items to consider for inclusion in the memorandum of understanding (MOU):**
 - **Like in 2012-13, identify the roles and responsibilities of all parties (i.e., LEA and county mental health)**
 - **Indicate what services and costs are the responsibility of school agencies in the 2014-15 fiscal year**
 - **Exercise flexibility in contracting with county mental health for services or seek outside services with a private agency with the student's need in mind – efficient and effective services are what is important!**





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- ✍ **Identify practitioners that are authorized to provide services and submit claims for reimbursement**
 - **Physicians, psychologists, waived psychologists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs), registered LCSWs, Marriage and Family Therapists (MFTs), registered MFTs, registered nurses**

See Appendix B for Title 5 Regulations On Staff Qualifications

- ✍ **Identify reimbursable services**
 - **Counseling to individuals or group assessments**
- ✍ **Obtain contract/MOU with county mental health**
- ✍ **Enrollment process**
 - **Obtain Medi-Cal provider number and National Provider Indicator number(s)**



Additional Considerations

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- ✎ **Electronic medical records (county mental health department will provide criteria)**
- ✎ **Annual cost reports**
- ✎ **Clinic certification every three years**

