

## PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES

Education Code Section 48216  
Health and Safety Code Sections 120325, 120335, 120340, and 120375

Statutes 1978, Chapter 325  
Statutes 1979, Chapter 435  
Statutes 1982, Chapter 472  
Statutes 1991, Chapter 984  
Statutes 1992, Chapter 1300  
Statutes 1994, Chapter 1172  
Statutes 1995, Chapters 291 and 415  
Statutes 1996, Chapter 1023  
Statutes 1997, Chapters 855 and 882

California Code of Regulations, Title 17  
Sections 6020, 6035, 6040, 6055, 6065, 6070, and 6075

### *Immunization Records – Hepatitis B*

#### I. SUMMARY OF THE MANDATE

Statutes 1977, chapter 1176, required persons under 18 years of age to be immunized against poliomyelitis (polio); measles; and diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus (DPT) prior to unconditional first admission to a public or private elementary or secondary school, child care center, day nursery, nursery school, or development center. The law required school districts to maintain records of immunization of all school age children and report periodically to the state on the immunization status of all new entrants into the schools. On June 20, 1979, the Board of Control (predecessor to the Commission) adopted the Statement of Decision for the *Immunization Records* test claim, finding that Statutes 1977, chapter 1176 imposed a reimbursable state-mandated program. On July 28, 1988, the Commission determined that costs incurred for compliance with Statutes 1977, chapter 1176 would be reimbursed through the State Mandates Apportionment System (SMAS), which was enacted by the Legislature to allow certain ongoing state-mandated programs to be funded automatically through the State Budget process, without the need for local governments to file annual claims for those costs with the State Controller.

On August 24, 2000, the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) adopted the Statement of Decision for the *Immunization Records: Hepatitis B* test claim, finding that Statutes 1978, chapter 325; Statutes 1979, chapter 435; Statutes 1982, chapter 472; Statutes 1991, chapter 984; Statutes 1992, chapter 1300; Statutes 1994, chapter 1172; Statutes 1995, chapters 291 and 415; Statutes 1996, chapter 1023; Statutes 1997, chapters 855 and 882; and California Code of Regulations, title 17, sections 6020, 6035, 6040, 6055, 6065, 6070, and 6075, imposed a new program or higher level of service within an existing program upon school districts within the meaning of article XIII B, section 6 of the California Constitution and costs mandated by the state pursuant to Government Code section 17514 for the following activities:

- Request and review lawful exemption or proof of immunization against mumps, rubella and hepatitis B from each pupil seeking admission to school in the state for the first time.
- Record each pupil's immunization for, or exemption from, mumps, rubella, and hepatitis B on an immunization record and maintain the form in the pupil's permanent record.
- Request and review lawful exemption or proof of immunization against hepatitis B from each pupil advancing to the seventh grade.
- Conditionally admit any pupil who has not been fully immunized for mumps, rubella and hepatitis B.
- Periodically review the pupil's immunization record until the pupil is fully immunized.
- Document vaccine doses on the pupil's immunization record as they are administered.
- Notify parents or guardians of the requirement to exclude the pupil from school if written evidence of the required immunizations are not timely presented.
- Refer the parents or guardians to a physician, nurse, or county health department for review of immunization records and provision of required immunizations.
- Exclude pupils from school attendance when written evidence of additional doses is not presented within ten days of parental notification.
- Collect data and prepare reports annually on immunization status for the Department of Health Services, and prepare follow-up or additional reports upon request by county health departments and the state.

## **II. ELIGIBLE CLAIMANTS**

Any school district, as defined in Government Code section 17519, except for community colleges, that incurs increased costs as a result of this mandate is eligible to claim reimbursement.

## **III. PERIOD OF REIMBURSEMENT**

Government Code section 17557, prior to its amendment by Statutes 1998, chapter 681 (effective September 22, 1998), provided that a test claim must be submitted on or before December 31 following a given fiscal year to establish eligibility for that fiscal year.

The test claim for *Immunization Records: Hepatitis B* was submitted on August 17, 1998. Therefore all mandated costs incurred on or after July 1, 1997 for compliance with Statutes 1978, chapter 325, Statutes 1979, chapter 435, Statutes 1982, chapter 472, Statutes 1991, chapter 984, Statutes 1992, chapter 1300, Statutes 1994, chapter 1172, Statutes 1995, chapters 291 and 415, and Statutes 1996, chapter 1023 are eligible for reimbursement.

Statutes 1997, chapter 855 had a delayed operative date of July 1, 1998. Therefore, costs incurred on or after July 1, 1998, for compliance with Statutes 1997, chapter 855, are eligible for reimbursement.

Statutes 1997, chapter 882 was operative January 1, 1998. However, no activity was required until on or after July 1, 1999. Therefore, costs incurred on or after July 1, 1999, for compliance with Statutes 1997, chapter 882, are eligible for reimbursement.

Actual costs for one fiscal year shall be included in each claim. Estimated costs for the subsequent year may be included on the same claim, if applicable. Pursuant to Government Code section 17561, subdivision (d)(1), all claims for reimbursement of initial years' costs shall be submitted within 120 days of the issuance of the State Controller's claiming instructions.

If the total costs for a given fiscal year do not exceed \$1000, no reimbursement shall be allowed, except as otherwise allowed by Government Code section 17564.

#### **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 and shall be claimed based on the uniform cost allowance adopted by the Commission. 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, district attendance and enrollment data.

Evidence corroborating the source documents may include, but is not limited to, worksheets, cost allocation reports (system generated), and declarations. Declarations must include a certification or declaration stating, "I certify 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. Proof of Immunizations for New Entrants: Kindergarteners and/or Out-of-State Transfers** *(Reimbursement period begins: July 1, 1997.)*

1. Request and review lawful exemption from, or proof of, immunization against mumps and rubella from each pupil seeking admission to school in the state for the first time. (Health & Saf. Code, §§ 120325, 120335, subd. (b), 120375, subd. (a); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, §§ 6020, 6065, subd. (b).)<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The addition of mumps and rubella to the list of diseases an entering student must be immunized against prior to first admission into a school should create *no incremental workload*, since in California, one vaccine is given for measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR), and measles is part of the original *Immunization Records* Parameters and Guidelines.

2. Request and review lawful exemption from, or proof of, immunization against hepatitis B from each pupil entering specified institutions in the state for the first time at the kindergarten level after August 1, 1997. (Health & Saf. Code, §§ 120325, 120335, subd. (b), 120375, subd. (a); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, §§ 6020, 6065, subd. (b).)

B. Proof of Hepatitis B Immunizations for Students Entering Seventh Grade on or after July 1, 1999 (*Reimbursement Period begins: July 1, 1999.*)

1. Request and review lawful exemption from, or proof of, immunization against hepatitis B from each pupil advancing to the seventh grade on or after July 1, 1999. (Health & Saf. Code, §§ 120325, 120335, subd. (c); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, §§ 6020, 6065, subd. (b).)

C. Conditional Admission of Pupils and Parent Notification Requirements (*Reimbursement Period begins: July 1, 1997.*)

1. Conditionally admit any pupil who has not been fully immunized for mumps, rubella, and hepatitis B by notifying parents or guardians of the date by which the pupil must complete the required immunizations. (Health & Saf. Code, §§ 120325, 120340; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, § 6035.)
2. Review the immunization record of each pupil admitted conditionally every thirty days until the pupil has been fully immunized. (Health & Saf. Code, §§ 120325, 120375, subd. (a); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, § 6070, subd. (e).)

D. Mandatory Pupil Exclusion and Parent Notification Requirements (*Reimbursement Period begins: July 1, 1998.*)

1. Notify parents or guardians of the requirement to exclude the pupil from school if written evidence either that the pupil has been properly immunized or qualified for an exemption is not presented within 10 school days after notification. (Ed. Code, § 48216, subd. (b); Health & Saf. Code, § 120325; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, § 6040.)
2. Refer the parents or guardians to a physician, nurse, or county health department for review of immunization records and provision of required immunizations, or notify them that the immunizations will be administered at a school of the district. (Ed. Code, § 48216, subd. (c); Health & Saf. Code, § 120325; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, § 6065, subd. (c).)
3. Exclude pupils from school attendance when written evidence of additional doses is not presented within ten days of parental notification. (Ed. Code, § 48216, subd. (a); Health & Saf. Code, §§ 120325, 120375, subd. (b); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, § 6055.)

E. Documentation and Reporting Requirements for Immunizations (*Reimbursement Period begins: July 1, 1997.*)

1. Record each pupil's immunization for, or exemption from mumps, rubella, and hepatitis B on an immunization record and maintain the document in each pupil's permanent record. (Health & Saf. Code, §§ 120325, 120335, subd. (b), 120375, subd. (a); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, § 6070.)

2. Document additional vaccine doses on the pupil's immunization record as they are administered.<sup>2</sup> (Health & Saf. Code, §§ 120325, 120375, subd. (a); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, § 6070.)
3. Collect data and prepare reports annually on immunization status for the Department of Health Services. (Health & Saf. Code, §§ 120325, 120375, subd. (c); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, § 6075.)
4. Prepare follow-up or additional reports upon request by county health departments and the state. (Health & Saf. Code, §§ 120325, 120375, subd. (c); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, § 6075.)

## V. CLAIM PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

Actual costs shall be claimed based on the uniform cost allowances adopted by the Commission pursuant to Government Code section 17557. The uniform cost allowances shall be adjusted each subsequent year by the Implicit Price Deflator referenced in Government Code section 17523.

The uniform cost allowances cover all the direct and indirect costs of performing the activities described in section IV. 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.

### A. Uniform Cost Allowance for New Entrants

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Uniform Cost Allowance</b>
1997-1998	\$ 2.12
1998-1999	5.87
1999-2000	6.14
2000-2001	6.38
2001-2002	6.48
2002-2003 (estimated)	6.59

Activities that are reimbursable under the uniform cost allowance for "New Entrants" are as follows:

- Section IV. A, C, and E – new activities for the hepatitis B immunization.
- Section IV. D – new activities for the DPT, polio, MMR, and hepatitis B immunizations.

Reimbursement is determined by multiplying the uniform cost allowance for the appropriate fiscal year by the number of "New Entrants." A "New Entrant" includes kindergarteners and out-of-state transfers.

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<sup>2</sup> This activity is only for *documenting* additional vaccine doses on the pupil's immunization record. The test claim legislation does not mandate school districts to administer vaccines.

B. Uniform Cost Allowance for Seventh Grade Pupils (for Fiscal Year 1999-2000 through 2003-2004).

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Uniform Cost Allowance</b>
1999-2000	\$ 3.23
2000-2001	3.36
2001-2002	3.41
2002-2003 (estimated)	3.47

Activities that are reimbursable under the uniform cost allowance for “Seventh Grade Pupils” are as follows:

- Section IV. B, C, D, and E – new activities for the hepatitis B immunization.

Reimbursement is determined by multiplying the uniform cost allowance for the appropriate fiscal year by the number of “Seventh Grade Pupils.” A “Seventh Grade Pupil” is any pupil advancing to the seventh grade, other than “New Entrants.”

Note: Beginning with the 2004-2005 school year, the uniform cost allowance should be calculated as follows:

***Uniform Cost Allowance*** = [cost per activity per immunization] x 5,  
where the “cost per activity per immunization” is calculated as  
[the current fiscal year SMAS Rate for *Immunization Records*] ÷ 15,  
and 5 equals the number of activities required for seventh grade pupils.<sup>3</sup>

The Commission has not identified any circumstances that would cause an eligible claimant to incur additional costs to perform the reimbursable activities listed in section IV. of these parameters and guidelines, which have not already been incorporated in the uniform allowance. Eligible claimants incurring any such costs within the scope of the reimbursable activities may submit a request to amend the parameters and guidelines to the Commission for such costs to be approved for reimbursement, subject to the provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 1183.2.

## **VI. RECORD RETENTION**

Pursuant to Government Code section 17558.5, subdivision (a), a reimbursement claim for actual costs filed by a local agency or school district pursuant to this chapter<sup>4</sup> 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

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<sup>3</sup> Kindergarteners beginning in the 1997-1998 school year will become seventh graders by the 2004-2005 school year and their immunization records would have already been reviewed for hepatitis B.

<sup>4</sup> This refers to Title 2, division 4, part 7, chapter 4 of the Government Code.

Controller during the period subject to audit, the retention period is extended until the ultimate resolution of any audit findings.

## **VII. OFFSETTING SAVINGS AND REIMBURSEMENTS**

Any offsetting savings 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 CLAIMING INSTRUCTIONS**

Pursuant to Government Code section 17558, subdivision (b), the Controller shall issue claiming instructions for each mandate that requires state reimbursement not later than 60 days after receiving the adopted parameters and guidelines from the Commission, to assist local agencies and school districts in claiming costs to be reimbursed. The claiming instructions shall be derived from the statute or executive order creating the mandate and the parameters and guidelines adopted by the Commission.

Pursuant to Government Code section 17561, subdivision (d)(1), issuance of the claiming instructions shall constitute a notice of the right of the local agencies and school districts to file reimbursement claims, based upon 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.

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

## **X. INCLUSION IN STATE MANDATES APPORTIONMENT SYTEM**

The Department of Finance, State Controller, local agencies, or school districts may request that the Commission review any mandated cost programs, for which appropriations have been made by the State to local agencies and school districts for any three consecutive years, to determine if those programs are eligible for inclusion in SMAS. The requesting agency is required to file a "request for inclusion" with the Commission. When considering the request for inclusion, the Commission must determine if the program has a history of stable costs for most claimants, if the program has been recently modified, and if inclusion would accurately reflect the costs of the program.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> See Government Code section 17615 et seq. and California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 1184.5 et seq.