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Date: Mon, Jun 21, 2021 at 4:09 PM
Subject: RE: [EXT] question
To: Corrina Guardipee-Hall <corrinag@bps.k12.mt.us>
Cc: Crystal Tail Feathers <crystalt@bps.k12.mt.us>

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Scenario 2 = DPHHS change to daily billable per youth, no 720 cap (this is what is on the table with DPHHS). The daily rate was proposed to be \$96ish/youth/day billed. If the school pays a 35% match that would be \$33.60 per day per youth served. The provider gets the 65% to cover the expense of running the program (wages, etc.). The ceiling is less known in this scenario because there is no cap on number of youth served, other than what is realistic for a therapist and behavior specialist to provide adequate quality services. Let's say it was capped at 10 youth per team for math purposes and a team bills every school day and some summer days, so let's say 220 billable days per calendar year (that's a guess on my end). $220 \text{ billable days} \times \$96 \times 10 \text{ youth} = \$211,200 \times 35\% = \$73,920$ per 10 youth served...that's assuming each youth is served on each of those 220 days out of the year.

So it's difficult to determine what to say as far as budget until we know what DPHHS is officially proposing. Mental health centers across the state are in limbo right now with these unknowns. I'm guessing you were in the June 14th meeting with DPHHS and OPI. I've gotten other questions like this from other school partners trying to figure out next steps.

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