
From: O'Connor, Adam
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 5:04 PM CDT
To: Ingram, Iris
Subject: RE: ASCIP Rebate

Let me know if you want to discuss first.

These funds are not ongoing funds that would flow through the BAM. The district's BAM states "Due to the instability of revenues...vendor rebates...will **not** be part of the revenue allocation formula. Income derived from these sources will be deposited to the institutional reserves." Instead of depositing to the district reserves, we have chosen to deposit these particular rebates in the ASCIP RMDF on our behalf for the reasons already mentioned.

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Subject: Fwd: ASCIP Rebate

Can you provide me with answers to Madeline's questions. I am working on something else for the Chancellor and don't have time. I'll add my 2 cents and respond to her and group later today. Thanks.

Iris

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Subject: RE: ASCIP Rebate

Good morning All....

Thank you for the ongoing clarification of the rebates.

Can you provide us with a little more information regarding – “they are one time funds and are treated as such”.

Does that mean the rebates are used to offset benefit related costs or as you mentioned AB218 costs – or do they go into fund 11 or 13 and distributed per the BAM, or is this funding placed in another type of account and/or put on reserve?

Thank you so much
Madeline

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Morrie, et al.

In answer to your questions below:

1. We receive a quarterly statement of the RMDF from ASCIP.
2. The fund is not audited by the district. However, those funds are included in ASCIP's annual audit.

The ASCIP determines if, when, and how much they can return to members of the JPA depending on their year-end financial results. Therefore, "rebate" is the appropriate terminology. RSCCD does not control, nor can we predict the amount or even if we will receive it. The timing of the rebate is within control ASCIP. The rebate amounts are separated based upon the different coverages we carry; liability, medical/dental and workers comp. Because of the large AB218 settlements that impact our liability insurance premiums, we have been advised that there will be major increases of nearly 7-figures. The rebates would be used to pay those costs. I am not sure how that lacks transparency. We don't "tout" the rebates. Any reference to them has been in response to questions asked. We do not treat them as ordinary income because they are not. The rebates are **simply one-time funds the district periodically receives and are treated as such**. Our focus throughout this process has been on the relative benefits, attributes and attendant costs of the various health and dental plans being offered to RSCCD employees.

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Vice Chancellor Ingram,

Thank you for your reply, I appreciate it.

Unfortunately, I have more questions.

1. Does the District receive a periodic accounting of the RMDF?
2. Is that fund audited, and does RSCCD receive the results of the any such audit of the RMDF?

I have always found the ASCIP “rebate” problematic.

Perhaps it’s good business practice for ASCIP to hold onto the “rebate” for financial stability or because of the AB218 settlements (what is AB218, how has that and/or how might that affect RSCCD).

However, references to a “rebate” makes faculty believe that this money is going into the general fund. Based on your response, that is not what’s going on.

This is not what I would call “transparent”.

I would feel much better if instead of touting the benefits of the rebate, the faculty of RSCCD were given a clear description of what this “rebate” is and what it is not.

I believe sunlight is a good thing (unless I’m trying to observe the night sky), and it would be best to be crystal clear in this. Let’s avoid innuendos, assumptions, or any other potential misinformation regarding either ASCIP or Aetna.

Thank you for your time.

Morrie Barembaum

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It is not held at the District and is not in the RSCCD budget. It is a fund held on our behalf by ASCIP. If and when there are rebates, we can either have the funds deposited in the RMDF or remitted back to us in cash. Because of the AB218 settlements that we will have to pay, it is doubtful that there will be much of a balance left in the account to remit back to RSCCD.

Iris

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Is the RMDF held at the district?

What account is it, where can I find it on the RSCCD budget?

Thank you.

Morrie

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Matthew/Morrie,

Yes, the District received about \$1.042 million as a Medical/Dental/Vision rebate last September. The money was deposited in the Risk Management Deposit Fund (RMDF).

Thanks

Alistair

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All,

Also—because I know that we are going to get questions about it—if said rebate was given to RSCCD, where did that money go? Thanks!

Have a marvelous day!

Matthew

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I just wanted to get clarification on the ASCIP rebate.

Did RSCCD receive the \$1M+ rebate from last year that Mr. Sanger mentioned last year (and again this year).

Thank you,
Morrie