MEMO- Vision Services for 2026-27 School Year

Date: July 16, 2026

From: Dr. Rick Smith, Superintendent and Keith Thomas, Treasurer

RE: BILLING POLICY FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

The following is a brief explanation of the policy we use to determine billing for services received by students with visual impairments as provided by the Midwest Regional Educational Service Center. Since the elimination of state funded Special Education Units, assessments which were based on excess costs incurred by the program are now based on the total cost, yet charges are still intended to minimize, to the extent possible, the cost of service.

Billing does not reflect an hourly rate but rather is an attempt to recover program costs in an equitable and acceptable manner. The services, which are covered by a bill, may include any combination of the following; student evaluations, student observations, direct student instruction, staff consultations, parent / family consultations, and participation in meetings. Billing also takes into consideration mileage, professional development, technology, supervision, equipment, supplies, teacher prep time, fiscal/admin fee, travel time, and an average minimum number of visits to your school.

At times, modifications to the number of visits per month must be made to accommodate student schedules, classroom schedules and / or the schedule of the COMS/TVI. If this does occur, it will not affect the level of service, but will most likely change the length and organization of visits. There is a separate mileage charge as our vision team travels throughout a quarter of the state. Thus, the mileage expenses are significant compared to other programs.

The mission of the MRESC VI Program is to give students with visual impairments the necessary skills to be independent, working adults giving back to their communities.

Please see reverse side to see the rates for each level of service.

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TEACHER for the VISUALLY IMPAIRED DIRECT SERVICES (TVI)

$1,688 Level 1	***(4 Times/year minimum 30 minutes per visit or equivalent amount of time per year with student and/or staff)***
$2,532 Level 2	**(6 TIMES/YEAR minimum 30 minutes per visit or equivalent amount of time per year with student and/or staff)**
$3,376 Level 3	***(8 TIMES/YEAR minimum 30 minutes per visit or equivalent amount of time per year with student and/or staff)***
$6,330 Level 4	***(15 TIMES/YEAR minimum 30 minutes per visit or equivalent amount of time per year with student and/or staff)***
$8,640 Level 5	***(1 time / week or equivalent number of visits totaling a minimum of 36 hours/year)***
$11,520 Level 6	***(1 time / week or equivalent number of visits totaling a minimum of 72 hours /year)***
$21,600 Level 7	***(2 time / week or equivalent number of visits totaling a minimum of 144 hours / year)***

ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY SERIVCES (O&M)

$718 Level 1a	***Services (consultation and limited direct instruction) minimum of 2 hours or approximately 1 visit per semester***
$1,436 Level 1b	***Services (consultation and limited direct instruction) minimum of 4 hours or approximately 1 visit per quarter***
$2,513 Level 1	***Services (consultation and limited direct instruction) minimum of 7 hours or approximately 1 visit per month/ academic year***
$5,026 Level 2	***Services (consultation and direct instruction) minimum of 14 hours or approximately 2 visits per month/ academic year***
$7,140 Level 3	***Services (consultation and extensive direct instruction) minimum of 21 hours or approximately 3 visits per month/ academic year***
$9,520 Level 4	***Services (Consultation and extensive direct instruction) minimum of 28 hours or approximately 4 visits per month/academic year***

EVALUATIONS

$ 325	***Upon qualification for services, the $325 fee for evaluations will be waived. Fee is charged if the student does not qualify.***

MILEAGE EXPENSES

$ 450	***per student / per academic year for mileage expenses***