

State of Connecticut
Office of the Probate Court Administrator
Probate Court Regulations

Section 14
**Compensation of Court-Appointed Physicians,
Psychiatrists, Psychologists and Interdisciplinary
Teams When Responsible Party is Indigent**

14.1 Authority

This regulation is issued in accordance with C.G.S. sections 17a-275, 45a-77, 45a-132a, 45a-609, 45a-695 and 45a-717.

14.2 Definitions

For purposes of regulation section 14:

(a) “Responsible party” means the individual who is obligated to pay the expense of a court-ordered examination under C.G.S. section 17a-275, 45a-132a, 45a-609, 45a-695 or 45a-717.

(b) A responsible party shall be considered “indigent” if the court has granted the party’s request for a fee waiver.

14.3 (NEW) Applicability

(a) This regulation applies to the compensation of a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist or interdisciplinary team member appointed by a court to conduct an examination of an individual under C.G.S. section 17a-274, 45a-132a, 45a-609, 45a-695 or 45a-717 when the responsible party is indigent.

(b) This section does not govern the compensation of a court-appointed physician, psychiatrist, psychologist or interdisciplinary team member when the responsible party is not indigent.

(c) Nothing in this regulation shall be construed to permit payment of the compensation of a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist or interdisciplinary team member appointed by the court in the absence of an explicit statutory requirement for the appointment.

14.4 Compensation of court-appointed physician, psychiatrist, psychologist or interdisciplinary team member when responsible party is indigent

(a) Subject to the availability of budgeted funds, the compensation of a court-appointed physician, psychiatrist, psychologist or interdisciplinary team member when the responsible party is indigent shall be determined in accordance with this regulation and policies and procedures established by the administrator. The compensation shall be paid from funds appropriated to the Judicial Branch for such purpose or, if no such funds have been included in the budget of the Judicial Branch, from the administration fund.

(b) The compensation of a court-appointed physician, psychiatrist, psychologist or interdisciplinary team member under this regulation shall be calculated as follows:

(1) The hourly rate for a court-appointed physician or psychiatrist is \$250, subject to a maximum of \$1,250 for each case, provided that a physician or psychiatrist shall receive additional compensation at the hourly rate of \$250 for required attendance at court hearings.

(2) The hourly rate for a court-appointed psychologist is \$100, subject to a maximum of \$500 for each case, provided that a psychologist shall receive additional compensation at the hourly rate of \$100 for required attendance at court hearings.

(3) The hourly rate for a member of an interdisciplinary team appointed under C.G.S. section 45a-695, other than a physician, psychiatrist or psychologist, is \$50, subject to a maximum of \$250 for each case, provided that a team member shall receive additional compensation at the hourly rate of \$50 for required

attendance at court hearings.

(c) Subject to the maximum amounts set forth in section 14.4(b), a court-appointed physician, psychiatrist, psychologist or interdisciplinary team member is eligible for compensation for time expended traveling to and from his or her place of business in connection with the examination and required attendance at court hearings. Time for travel to and from the residence of the physician, psychiatrist, psychologist or team member is not compensable unless the residence is his or her sole place of business. Travel expenses such as mileage, parking and tolls are not eligible for reimbursement.

14.5 Invoicing

(a) A court-appointed physician, psychiatrist, psychologist or interdisciplinary team member shall submit each invoice for compensation under this regulation to the appointing court in accordance with procedures established by the administrator.

(b) Each invoice shall document time expended in increments of one-tenth of an hour and briefly describe the activity for each entry.

(c) The deadline for submission of an invoice to the appointing court shall be six months from the date of the activity. The administrator shall not pay the portion of any invoice that covers activity more than six months before submission of the invoice to the court.

14.6 Review and approval of invoices

(a) The court shall review each invoice submitted by a court-appointed physician, psychiatrist, psychologist or member of an interdisciplinary team. The court shall forward the invoice to the administrator for payment if in the opinion of the court the compensation sought complies with the provisions of this regulation. The court shall reject or reduce any entry that is not in compliance with this

regulation.

(b) Upon receipt of an invoice from a court, the administrator shall process the invoice for payment in accordance with the court's approval, except that the administrator shall reject or reduce any entry that is not in compliance with this regulation. The administrator shall inform the physician, psychiatrist, psychologist or team member, in writing, of any entries that are rejected or reduced.

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