



# OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER STATE OF MONTANA

## MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER FEE SCHEDULE

For discussion at the October 3, 2016 Public Defender Commission Meeting

*Subject to Change by the Commission*

### PROVIDER HOURLY RATES

Psychologist, M.D., and Ph.D. -	\$125.00 per hour
APRN -	\$112.50 per hour
LCSW and LCPC -	\$75.00 per hour
LAC -	\$75.00 per hour (limited scope)

\***No Show for appointment** - To be paid for one hour at 50% the Protocol-indicated hourly rate.

### PROVIDER HOURLY RATES – TRAVEL

Psychologist, M.D., and Ph.D. -	\$60.00 per hour
APRN -	\$60.00 per hour
LCSW and LCPC -	\$37.50 per hour
LAC -	\$37.50 per hour

\*Mileage reimbursement, overnight lodging, and per diem will be calculated at State Rate for all disciplines.

\*Miles calculated via State site <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/scripts/citydist.pl>

### PROVIDER HOURLY RATES – TESTIMONY (Includes wait time)

Psychologist, M.D., and Ph.D. -	\$187.50 per hour
APRN -	\$168.75 per hour
LCSW and LCPC -	\$112.50 per hour
LAC -	\$112.50 per hour

### FLAT FEE EVALUATIONS

Chemical Dependency Evaluations -	\$300.00
Sex Offender Evaluations -	\$1500.00

\*Includes Risk Assessment

**Under extraordinary circumstances, the Commission authorizes the Chief Public Defender to pay outside of the rate structure.**

Every use of a Mental Health Provider requires a Pre-Approval. The amount that is contained in the Pre-Approval is for all intents and purposes a limit on the total funds that will be paid for the service that is being requested. The Pre-Approved Amount is not a flat fee that the provider is entitled to regardless of the amount of time the task took to complete. (The only exceptions to this are the evaluations that receive a flat fee – Chemical Dependency Evaluations and Sex Offender Evaluations.) Invoices that are provided following the completion of an evaluation must be detailed and provide an explanation of how many hours the evaluation took and what was done during those hours to complete the evaluation. If an evaluation is expected to take longer than the hours that were pre-approved, the provider must obtain a Supplemental Pre-Approval prior to incurring any cost, or the additional costs will be denied. It is the responsibility of the provider to make sure that these funds have been secured prior to incurring the cost.

#### Examples of Expenses that may be approved –

- Request is for a comprehensive mental health evaluation to determine if the client has a mental health defense - \$1500 or 12 hours may be approved to complete this task if the provider were a Psychologist.
  - Request is simply to provide a diagnoses or treatment recommendations for the client - \$1000 or 8 hours may be approved to complete this task if the provider were a Psychologist.
  - Request is for a combination fitness to proceed/comprehensive evaluation - \$500 might be the initial amount approved for the fitness to proceed evaluation. If found fit, an additional \$1000 may be approved to complete the comprehensive evaluation, for a total of \$1500 or 12 hours to complete this task if the provider were a Psychologist.
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