



Bulletin

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DATE

July 15, 2014

OF INTEREST TO

County Social Services
Director & Supervisors

District and County Court
Administrators

Chief District Judges

Assistant Chief Judges

District Judges

County Attorneys

Chief Public Defenders

Probation: County, DOC
and Community
Corrections

Jail Administrators

ACTION/DUE DATE

Please read information
and prepare for
implementation

EXPIRATION DATE

June 30, 2015

**State Operated Forensic Services New
Billing Rates Announced for Forensic
Network Evaluations including Rule 20
Examinations and Repeat Sex Offender
Assessments**

TOPIC

State Operated Forensic Services provides inpatient and outpatient court ordered examinations that are coordinated through the Forensic Network. New billing rates have been established for inpatient examinations. This bulletin replaces bulletin #13-76-02.

PURPOSE

Establish new billing rates for inpatient examinations.

CONTACT

For billing questions: Lori Zook, Controller at 651-431-3691

For clinical questions: Kaye Zarn-Mills, Forensic
Coordinators

SIGNED

ANNE BARRY
Deputy Commissioner
Direct Care and Treatment

TERMINOLOGY NOTICE

The terminology used to describe people we serve has changed over time. The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the use of "People First" language.

A. Minnesota Rules of Criminal Procedure Rule 20 Examination Rates (Adult and Juvenile)

1. Outpatient Rule 20 Examinations

These are cases where the defendants are either in custody or not in custody, but who are not admitted to the Minnesota Security Hospital for an inpatient examination.

- Rule 20.01, Subd. 4 - Capacity to Proceed - \$750.00 per examination
- Rule 20.02, Subd. 2 - Criminal Responsibility - \$750.00 per examination
- Rule 20.01, Subd. 4 and 20.02, Subd. 2 - \$950.00 per examination
- If adding Commitment Examination per Rule 20.04-add \$240.00 to above fees. Commitment Examination will only be performed in conjunction with the other examinations.

Testimony time will be billed at \$75.00 per hour if necessary. Travel time will be billed as needed, but not to exceed \$75.00 per hour.

2. Inpatient Rule 20 Examinations

These are cases where the defendant is specifically ordered to have a Rule 20 examination completed while held at the Minnesota Security Hospital on an inpatient basis.

In-patient examinations include 2 billing components:

1. Professional assessment and evaluation rate based upon required Level of Care

The Level of Care rate for professional assessment and evaluation services for in-patient examinations described in this bulletin is noted below. This cost will be billed directly to the county court administration that ordered the examination. (Minnesota Statutes, section 480.182)

\$280.00 per day for admissions to the Minnesota Security Hospital

2. Room and board rate

The room and board rate for in-patient examinations described in this bulletin is noted below. This cost will be billed directly to the county human services agency where the order originated. (Minnesota Statutes, section 253B.045)

\$316.00 per day for admissions to the Minnesota Security Hospital

If a defendant is referred and admitted to the Minnesota Security Hospital exclusively for an inpatient examination, the county will be billed according to the in-patient billing procedures noted above. However, if a patient is already admitted to the Minnesota Security Hospital pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 253B and a subsequent Rule 20 examination is ordered, the examination will be billed as an outpatient examination.

B. Mandatory Repeat Sex Offender Assessments (Minnesota Statutes, section 609.3457)

- Mandatory Repeat Sex Offender Assessment - \$750.00 per examination

All Mandatory Repeat Sex Offender Assessments are completed on an outpatient basis, and are not considered for inpatient admission to the Minnesota Security Hospital.

Testimony time will be billed at \$75.00 per hour if necessary.

Travel time will be billed as needed, but not to exceed \$75.00 per hour.

C. Rule 27.03 Pre-Sentence Evaluations

- Rule 27.03 Pre-Sentence Evaluations - \$750.00 per case

All Rule 27.03 Pre-Sentence Evaluations are completed on an outpatient basis, and are not considered for inpatient admission to the Minnesota Security Hospital.

Testimony time will be billed at \$75.00 per hour if necessary.

Travel time will be billed as needed, but not to exceed \$75.00 per hour.

D. Neuropsychological Testing

- Neuropsychological testing may be recommended by the examiner for inpatient outpatient Rule 20 cases. This supplemental testing is available through State Operated Forensic Services however there is an additional fee. The cost of neuropsychological testing will be billed in addition to the Rule 20 examination rate.

A court order is required to ensure the court authorized payment.

Testimony time will be billed at \$75.00 per hour if necessary.

Travel time will be billed as needed, but not to exceed \$75.00 per hour.

E. Referral Process

The Forensic Network is structured with a centralized access and referral point. All requests are to be referred to:

Kaye Zarn-Mills, Forensic Coordinator

State Operated Forensic Services

100 Freeman Drive

St. Peter, MN 56082

Phone: Toll Free: (877) 931-7007

Or: (507) 985-2007

Fax: (507) 985-3320

Forensic.Coordinator@state.mn.us

State Operated Forensic Services has created sample court order templates for Rule 20 and Repeat Sex Offender Assessments. These formats are recommended only when SOFS is ordered to complete an exam as they contain specific authorities that only pertain to SOFS staff. Copies are available by contacting the forensic coordinator.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory

This information is available in accessible formats for people with disabilities by calling (651) 431-3676 (voice) or toll free at (800) 627-3529 or by using your preferred relay service. For other information on disability rights and protections, contact the agency's ADA coordinator.