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To: Public Defense Providers

From: Julie Fetsch, OPDS Budget Manager

Re: Non-Contract, Non-Capital Hourly Attorney Rate Increase

On June 11, 2020, the Public Defense Services Commission met and approved a motion to raise the non-contract, non-capital hourly attorney rate to \$75 per hour beginning July 1, 2020.

This request was related to recent conflict cases where the agency has had trouble finding adequate attorney coverage for conflict cases around the state. The issue is being mitigated by increasing the non-contract, non-capital attorney rate to increase to \$75 per hour.

- Effective July 1, 2020, the non-contract, non-capital hourly attorney rate changed to \$75 per hour for any work performed beginning July 1, 2020 forward.
- The non-contract, non-capital hourly rate for work performed prior to July 1, 2020 will be reimbursed at \$55 per hour unless prior approval for a rate exception was received.

No change will be required to current NRE authorizations that reflect the old rate, however, invoices submitted with the NRE forms need to clearly separate the dates and rates billed before and after the July 1, 2020 rate change. Invoices that do not have this information clearly and accurately reported will be returned for correction before being entered into the payment process.