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TO: Holders of the Financial Planning and Control Manual

SUBJECT: Compensation Rate Guidelines for Court-Appointed Non-lawyer Professionals

*\* This supersedes Budget Bulletin number 223, issued February 20, 1992.*

The hourly rates of compensation to be paid to non-lawyer professionals appointed pursuant to section 35 of the Judiciary Law and 722-c of the County Law, are as follows:

Maximum Hourly Rate

Psychiatrist	\$125
Certified Psychologist	90
Physician	200
Certified Social Worker	45
Licensed Investigator	32

The rates specified above are subject to statutory maximums for total compensation. Pursuant to section 35 of the Judiciary Law, the maximum is \$200 in those proceedings in which one (1) psychiatrist, psychologist or physician is appointed by the court, or an aggregate of \$300 in proceedings in which two (2) psychiatrists, psychologists or physicians are appointed. Section 722-c of the County Law, as amended by chapter 62, Laws of 2003, provides for maximum total compensation of \$1,000 effective January 1, 2004. However, in extraordinary circumstances, these maximum limits may be exceeded upon the specific authorization of the court.

Please ensure full distribution of this bulletin to all judges, justices and non-judicial staff who are involved with the assignment of court-appointed Counsel and non-lawyer professionals.

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