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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 DFM Bulletin number 2406, issued April 24, 2024 and DFM Bulletin 2604, issued April 1, 2026.***

Effective May 1, 2024 and in accordance with Administrative Order 153/24, the hourly rates of compensation to be paid to non-lawyer professionals appointed are as follows:

Profession	Hourly Rate
Psychiatrist/Physicians	\$400
Certified Psychologist	\$300
Certified Social Worker	\$100
Licensed Investigator	\$90

The rates are subject to statutory maximums for total compensation pursuant to section 35 of the Judiciary Law.

Effective April 1, 2026, and pursuant to an order of the Administrative Board of the Courts issued on March 27, 2026, the hourly rates of compensation to be paid to psychiatric examiners appointed by the court pursuant to the Sex Offender Management Treatment Act (Mental Hygiene Law, Art 10) is \$400 per hour, except that travel shall be reimbursed at \$100 per hour.

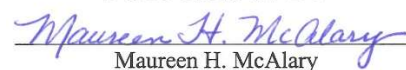
The hourly rates are subject to a maximum compensation of \$16,000 per appointment, in accordance with the following schedule:

Work Performed	Maximum Compensation
Evaluation and Review	\$7,000
Testimony and Preparation - Probable Cause Hearing	\$1,500
Testimony and Preparation - Trial	\$5,000
Testimony and Preparation - Other Hearings (disposition, retention)	\$2,500

All maximum compensation amounts included in this bulletin may be exceeded upon the specific authorization of the court for good cause shown.

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

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