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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 352, issued May 17, 2004.*

The hourly rates of compensation to be paid to non-lawyer professionals appointed pursuant to section 35 of the Judiciary Law are as follow:

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

The rates are subject to statutory maximums for total compensation. In a proceeding where one psychologist, psychiatrist or physician is appointed, the maximum compensation is \$200, and an aggregate of \$300 is payable when two or more are appointed.

Subject to an order of the Administrative Board of the Courts, the compensation rate for psychiatric examiners appointed by the court pursuant to the Sex Offender Management Treatment Act (Mental Hygiene Law, Art 10) is \$250 per hour, except that travel shall be reimbursed at \$100 per hour. The hourly

rates are subject to a maximum compensation of \$10,000 for appointment, in accordance with the following schedule:

Work Performed	Maximum Compensation
Evaluation and Review	\$4,500
Testimony and preparation - Probable Cause Hearing	\$1,000
Testimony and preparation - Trial	\$3,000
Testimony and preparation - Other Hearings (disposition, retention)	\$1,500

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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