

**WAC 388-875-0040 Schedule of payment for defendant expert or professional person.** Department payments to an expert or professional person for department services an indigent person receives must occur as follows:

(1) The department must publish a schedule of hourly fees, and travel time, in amounts that the department determines to be fair and reasonable. The department will review the hourly reimbursement schedule annually and make adjustments as appropriate. This schedule may be found online at: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/bha/office-service-integration/office-forensic-mental-health-services>.

(2) Under RCW 10.77.140, the department must only approve payment for one mental health examination per indigent person in each six month period.

(3) All invoices for court-ordered services must be submitted using the department's invoicing procedure, with each service itemized by hour and quarter-hour increments. Forensic evaluation reports conducted by a professional person and submitted for payment are subject to accounting and quality review by the office prior to approving payment.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 10.77 RCW, RCW 72.01.090, 70.02.290, 70.02.340, 71.05.560, 71.24.035 (5)(c), and 71.34.380. WSR 19-11-055, § 388-875-0040, filed 5/13/19, effective 6/13/19. Statutory Authority: Chapter 10.77 RCW. WSR 01-01-008, recodified as § 388-875-0040, filed 12/6/00, effective 1/6/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 72.01.090. WSR 91-24-045 (Order 3298), § 275-59-041, filed 11/27/91, effective 1/1/92; WSR 79-03-038 (Order 1373), § 275-59-041, filed 3/1/79.]