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**OF INTEREST TO**

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District Judges

County Attorneys

Chief Public Defenders

Probation: County, Department  
of Correction and Community  
Corrections

Jail Administrators

Direct Care & Treatment –  
Executive Directors, Site  
Directors and Billing Staff**ACTION/DUE DATE**Please read information and  
prepare for implementation**EXPIRATION DATE**

Sept. 19, 2021

## Direct Care and Treatment – Forensic Services Billing Rates for Court Ordered Evaluations

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**TOPIC**

Forensic Services provides inpatient and outpatient court ordered evaluations that are coordinated through the Forensic Network. New rates have been established and are effective 10/01/2019. This bulletin replaces bulletin #17-76-01.

**PURPOSE**

Announce new rates for court ordered evaluations provide by Forensic Network.

**CONTACT**

For billing questions: Victoria Alabi, Billing Manager at 651-478-8002

For clinical questions: Kelly Bechen, Forensic Coordinator at 507-985-2007

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Health Systems Chief Executive Officer  
Direct Care and Treatment

**TERMINOLOGY NOTICE**

The terminology used to describe people we serve has changed over time. The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the use of "People First" language.

# I. Minnesota Rules of Criminal Procedure Rule 20 Evaluations Rates (Adult and Juvenile)

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## A. Outpatient Rule 20 Evaluations

These are cases where the defendant(s) are either in custody or not in custody, but who are not admitted to Forensic Services for inpatient evaluation.

Evaluations will be billed by report type as listed below. Rates include travel cost. In the event a report is not generated, Forensic Services reserves the right to charge \$105 per hour, but not to exceed the listed prices below:

- Rule 20.01, Subdivision 4 – Capacity to Proceed - \$1,200 per evaluation
- Rule 20.02, Subdivision 2 – Criminal Responsibility - \$1,200 per evaluation
- Rule 20.01, Subdivision 4 and Rule 20.02, Subdivision 2 - \$1,500 per evaluation
- Commitment Evaluations per Rule 20.04 may also be ordered and will be billed at an additional rate of \$125 to the above. Commitment Evaluations will only be performed in conjunction with other evaluations. Unless otherwise specified in the court order the examiner statement will be included in the Rule 20.01, subdivision 4 report.

Testimony will be billed at \$105 per hour in the metro area and \$125 per hour in the non-metro area. Please refer to the State Court Administrator's Office's Travel Policy for travel rates. Travel will be billed for testimony.

NOTE: The courts are responsible to cover all costs associated with interpreter services. Court Administration can either arrange for the interpreter services directly or coordinate with Direct Care and Treatment (DCT) Forensic Services. The court shall reimburse all interpreter costs directly to the vendor.

## B. Inpatient Rule 20 Evaluations

These are cases where the defendant(s) are specifically ordered to have a Rule 20 evaluation completed while being held at Forensic Services on an inpatient basis.

Inpatient evaluations includes two billing components:

1. Professional assessment and evaluation - \$386 per day

The professional assessment and evaluation rate for inpatient evaluations shall be billed directly to the county court administration that ordered the evaluation (Minnesota Statutes, section 480.182).

2. Room and Board - \$491 per day

The room and board rate for inpatient evaluation shall be billed directly to the county human services agency where the order originated (Minnesota Statutes, section 253B.045).

If a defendant is referred and admitted to Forensic Services exclusively for an inpatient evaluation, the county shall be billed according to the inpatient billing procedures noted above. However, if a patient is already admitted to Forensic Services pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 253B and a subsequent Rule 20 examination is ordered, the evaluation shall be billed as an outpatient evaluation.

## II. Mandatory Repeat Sex Offender Assessments (Minnesota Statutes, section 609.3457)

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All mandatory repeat sex offender assessments are completed on an outpatient basis, and are not considered for inpatient admission to Forensic Services.

Evaluations will be billed at \$1,900 per evaluation and includes travel costs.

Testimony will be billed at \$105 per hour (metro area) and \$125 per hour (non-metro area). Please refer to the State Court Administrator's Office's Travel Policy for travel rates. Travel will be billed for testimony only.

## III. Neuropsychological Testing

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Neuropsychological testing may be recommended by the examiner for inpatient or outpatient Rule 20 cases. This supplemental testing is available through DCT Forensic Services; however, there is an additional fee. The cost of neuropsychological testing will be billed in addition to the Rule 20 examination rate. A court order is required to ensure the court authorized payment.

Neuropsychological testing will be billed at a rate of \$308 per hour.

## V. Referral Process

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The Forensic Network is structured with a centralized access and referral point. All **outpatient** requests shall to be referred to:

Kelly Bechen, Forensic Coordinator  
 Direct Care and Treatment – Forensic Services  
 100 Freeman Drive  
 St. Peter, MN 56082  
 Phone: 507-985-2007  
 Fax: 651-431-7778  
 Email: [Forensic.coordinator@state.mn.us](mailto:Forensic.coordinator@state.mn.us)

For **inpatient** services, please contact the DCT Central Pre-Admission office at:

Phone: Toll Free 866-966-2337 or 651-431-7705

Fax: Toll Free 866-633-4253 or 651-431-7705

Email: [dhs.sos.centralpreadmissions@state.mn.us](mailto:dhs.sos.centralpreadmissions@state.mn.us)

Direct Care and Treatment – Forensic Services has created sample court order templates for Rule 20 and Repeat Sex Offender Assessments. These templates have been modified from previous version to include updated language. These formats are recommended only when DCT – Forensic Services is appointed to complete an evaluation as they contain specific authorities that only pertain to DCT – Forensic Services staff. Templates are available by contacting the Forensic Coordinator.

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