#### Legal Aid Ontario

# **B3: Better Billing Bulletin**

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#### **Disbursements - all you need to know**

You can find all the information you need regarding disbursements that do not require authorization prior to billing and disbursements that require prior authorization in Chapter 6: Disbursements of The Tariff & Billing Handbook. When in doubt, please consult Chapter 6 prior to billing your disbursement or requesting authorization. Consulting the Handbook will save you time and money and will help us pay you faster.

### We've enhanced our regular disbursements

We have added some items to the list of regular disbursements that do not need authorization prior to billing & we've increased some existing allowances.

• Enhanced Disbursements (Revised on Augsut 26/09)

You no longer need prior authorization for the following:

- Non medical reports to a maximum of \$150
- Non medical records to a maximum of \$150
- FIPPA Application Fee to a maximum of \$5
- Medical Records to a maximum of \$150

We've also made changes to some allowances, increasing the number of hours/pages you can bill without prior authorization and, in some instances, we've increased block fees. Please note hourly rates remain the same.

### **Disbursement Request E-Forms**

On the LAO website, we've created E-Forms for you to use when requesting disbursement authorizations for transcripts, translations, paternity tests and experts. Please use these

forms for disbursements that require prior authorization. You can fax or e-mail us the completed forms.

## **Tariff & Billing Handbook**

Consult our Handbook regularly for billing information.

#### **Questions?**

Please let us know if you have questions or if there are topics you'd like to see us cover by contacting the Lawyer Service Centre at <u>pl-lsc@lao.on.ca</u>

