

Tariff reform 2023: Summary of changes for *Child, Youth and Family Services Act (CYFSA)* law



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Description	Tariff maximum	
	Certificates issued prior to October 16, 2023	Certificates issued on or after October 16, 2023
Preparation for an attendance on any conference subsequent to the first, and any subsequent settlement conference (including a Legal Aid settlement conference), case conference or trial management conference	2 hours	Replaced
Attendance on any conference after the first, and any subsequent settlement conference (including a Legal Aid settlement conference), case conference or trial management conference	Actual attendance time	Replaced
For preparation for and attendance at each subsequent conference after the first, including negotiations with opposing counsel, under Rule 17 of the Family Law Rules and at each subsequent Legal Aid Ontario settlement conference		5 hours
For representation in complex proceedings under the <i>Child, Youth and Family Services Act</i> where a third party is involved.		4 hours

Notes

- The new five-hour Rule 17 conference authorization covers both court attendance and preparation time for the second and each subsequent Section 17 conference. The authorization allows more flexibility to cover conferences where the bulk of time is spent

negotiating outside of the courtroom.

- Attendance at the first Rule 17 conference continues to be covered by the initial authorization and the five hours for the second is added by this authorization. When entering subsequent case conferences in the online account, only enter the third and subsequent Rule 17 conferences in the “# of Extra Days” field.
- As before, attendances to speak to matters, adjournments, motions, trial scheduling, trial audits or assignment court attendances will not be considered first or subsequent Rule 17 conferences.
- The authorization for third-party involvement will be available on certificates issued on or after October 16, 2023 where:
 - There is notice that a third party will bring a motion to be added, a motion is filed to add a third party, or when a third party is added on consent and files an answer and plan of care;
 - If a new placement is contemplated with other family members and/or kin;
 - If a second Band and/or First Nation, Inuit or Metis community becomes involved or a Band and/or First Nation, Inuit or Metis community becomes involved that was not initially a part of the proceeding; or
 - If a second lawyer from the Office of the Children’s Lawyer is appointed.
- If the authorization does not appear on the certificate, roster members must submit a written request through *Legal Aid Online* and upload their request using the “Submit certificate coverage materials” link found under the “Certificates” tab