



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF KERN**

**MEMORANDUM**

1415 Truxtun Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**DATE:** August 29, 2023

**TO:** Court Medical Appointment List Applicants

**SUBJECT:** Fee Schedule for Court-Appointed Medical Examiners

The Court has approved the following fee schedule for court-appointed evaluations.

<b>Code Section</b>	<b>Type of Evaluation</b>	<b>Responsible Entity</b>	<b>Approved Rate (Per Case)</b>
PC 1368/1369	Competency	Court	\$600
PC 288.1	Lewd Acts	Court	\$800
PC 1026/1027	Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity	County	\$1,000
PC 1026.2	Release from Commitment	County	\$1,000
PC 1001.36	Mental Health Diversion Expert	County	\$1,200
EVID 730	Relief from Firearms Prohibition	Court	\$600
EVID 730/1017	Mental Competency/Sanity	County Court (IDP request)	\$1,000
WIC 361.5(c)(1) 300 Petitions (2 doctors)	Juvenile Dependency: Parent Mental Health Evaluation	Court (IDP or PD request) County (DHS or County Counsel request)	\$750
WIC 709	Juvenile Delinquency: Minor's Competency	Court	\$700
*Per Court Order	Juvenile Justice: General Psychological Evaluation	Court	\$750
WIC 366.26	Juvenile Dependency: Bonding Study	Court	\$2,000
<b>Other - Miscellaneous</b>			
Court Appearance – Testimony		County	\$150/Hour
No Shows / Failure to Participate		Court / County	\$150

### **Court Appointments**

The court will only appoint medical examiners from the approved list of providers. The court shall provide the notice of appointment to the appointed examiner. Counsel may provide additional information to the examiner.

### **Extensive Discovery**

In unusual cases, requiring extensive discovery or other time consuming matters, the court will consider a request for additional funds. Requests must be made in writing with specific information on the difficulty of the case and the proposed hourly rate and estimated hours required. If the additional funds are approved by the court, the examiner must attached a copy of the authorization to the claim for payment.

### **Examiner Unable to Perform Exam**

In the event a court-ordered medical examination cannot be performed for reasons that are beyond the control of the examiner (e.g., defendant uncooperative, client no show), the examiner may be compensated at the court-approved rate. The examiner should document the relevant circumstances in the claim for payment.

### **Expert Witness Testimony**

In the event the medical examiner is subpoenaed to testify in court regarding his or her evaluation and report, and the hearing is postponed without sufficient notice being provided, the medical examiner may be compensated at the court-approved rate. The examiner should document the relevant circumstances in the claim for payment.

### **Preparation and Travel**

Medical examiners are not reimbursed for any prep work or travel time to and from court locations and detention facilities.

### **Claim for Payments**

1. All claim for payments for medical evaluations or expert testimony fees shall be made on the current form available for this purpose.
2. Up to four appointments shall be submitted on one claim for payment. The medical examiner shall set forth the type of evaluation performed and the dates thereof. The claim for payment must be complete as to all details and should not request a fee greater than that provided for in the fee schedule, unless the Court has specifically authorized it in advance. Incomplete claims for payment forms will be returned for amendment and resubmission.
3. Claim for payments shall be submitted to the Executive Administrative Secretary, in duplicate, with supporting documents if applicable.
4. Claim for payments shall be submitted no later than one year after the last date of service rendered.