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To: Public Defense Providers

From: Julie Fetsch, OPDS Budget Manager

Re: Investigator Rate Increase

On April 23, 2020, the Emergency Board of the Oregon Legislative Assembly met and distributed certain funds to OPDS. Specifically, there was an allocation made to allow the PDSC to increase the rate for investigators. During the May 21, 2020 PDSC Commission meeting a motion was passed to adopt and amend the current OPDS Payment Policy to increase the hourly rate for investigators

- Effective May 21, 2020, the **non-capital case investigator rate** changed to \$40.00/hr for any work performed beginning 5/21/2020 forward. The investigator rate for work performed prior to May 21, 2020 will be reimbursed at \$34.00/hr.
- Effective May 21, 2020, the **bilingual investigator rate** changed to \$45.00 for any work performed beginning 5/21/2020 forward. The investigator rate for work performed prior to May 21, 2020 will be reimbursed at \$39.00/hr.

No change will be required to current NRE authorization forms that reflect the old rate, however, invoices submitted with these NRE forms need to ***clearly separate the dates and rates billed before and after the May 21, 2020 rate change***. Invoices that do not have this information clearly and accurately reported will be returned for correction before entering the payment process.