

AGENDA ITEM 10

REVIEW OF INFORMATION FROM OTHER CALIFORNIA HEALTHCARE BOARDS REGARDING RATES PAID TO EXPERT WITNESSES AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADJUSTING THE HOURLY RATE PAID TO THE BOARD'S PRACTICE REVIEWERS (AKA EXPERT WITNESSES) AND ADVANCED PRACTICE REVIEWERS.

Report on Rates Paid to Expert Witnesses

Boards	California Board of Occupational Therapy	Physical Therapy Board	Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology --- Board	Board of Chiropractic Examiners	Dental Hygiene Board
Advanced Practice Reviewer Rate	\$75/hr	-	-	-	-
Case/Record Review Rate	\$75/hr No max	\$75/hr No max	\$100/hr 10 hr max per case	\$100/hr	\$100/hr 8 hr max per case
Hearing Preparation Rate (Inc. prep w/ DAG)	\$120/hr	\$100/hr	\$100/hr	\$100/hr	\$100/hr
Testimony at Hearing Rate	\$120/hr	\$100/hr	\$150/hr	\$100/hr \$600 max	\$100/hr

Public Comment received via email January 4, 2022

“Dear Mr. Hanson,

I am writing to request an adjustment to the hourly rate of compensation for occupational therapy advanced practice reviewers with the California Board of Occupational Therapy. The current rate is \$75/hr, which has been static for several years, and is not commensurate with an increased cost of living/inflation.

Furthermore, the current rate also does not reflect the level of expertise and experience required to perform the specialized work of such an important role. As a point of reference, many generalized OT practitioners working in community-based private practices currently charge \$125/hour to perform standard patient care.

I am eager to continue in my work as an advanced practice reviewer for the Board of OT. I feel it is essential in order to maintain professional standards and enjoy serving my profession, but am asking for community standard compensation in order to do so for this specialized and important work.

Thank you very much for your consideration,”

A.F., OTR/L, MS, SWC, CNT

Additional Public Comment received via email January 5, 2022

“Thanks, Jeff! I forgot to add that the standard hourly compensation paid to OTs by the state of CA to provide Regional Center basic early intervention patient services is now \$95/hr. Hope that’s of further help to assist when reviewing this request.

Thank you,”

A.F.