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STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (SOAH)

MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE CONTESTED CASE HEARING (CCH) CONTRACTED RATES*

Effective for all medical fee dispute resolution requests received by the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) on or after June 1, 2012, medical fee disputes that remain unresolved after the conclusion of a Benefit Review Conference (BRC) may proceed to a Contested Case Hearing (CCH) at the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).

For the benefit of workers' compensation system participants the TDI-DWC provides a list of contracted rates associated with a CCH conducted at SOAH. A SOAH CCH case will incur an hourly rate for services rendered plus any expenses incurred by SOAH during the dispute.

The TDI-DWC emphasizes that the total fees associated with a SOAH CCH vary on a case-by-case basis. In addition, not every fee listed below will be applicable to every individual case.

1. **SOAH ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE (ALJ) SERVICES: \$100.00 PER HOUR**
2. **SOAH ALJ FRINGE BENEFITS: AS CALCULATED BY SOAH**
3. **SOAH ALJ TRAVEL EXPENSES: STATE TRAVEL REGULATION RATES****
4. **POSTAGE: ACTUAL CHARGES**
5. **LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CHARGES: ACTUAL CHARGES**
6. **COURT REPORTER CHARGES: ACTUAL CHARGES**
7. **TRANSCRIPTS, IF NEEDED: ACTUAL CHARGES**
8. **DUPLICATON COSTS: 15 CENTS PER PAGE**
9. **OTHER EXPENSES IF APPLICABLE: ACTUAL COSTS**

*Determined in accordance with a November 2011 Interagency Cooperation Contract 12-454-042-A between the TDI-DWC and SOAH.

**State travel regulations are determined by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. State travel regulation rates may be located on the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts website at <https://fm.x.cpa.state.tx.us/fm/travel/travelrates.php?style=print#update>.