

Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino Appointed Psychiatric/Psychological Evaluation Services Fee Schedule



Effective 2/1/2024

Code Section	Type of Evaluation	Responsible Entity	Rate
PC 1368/1369/1370	Competency	Court	\$1,250 (Psychiatrist) \$650 (Psychologist)
PC 288.1	Lewd Acts	Court	\$650
PC 1026/1027	Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity	County	\$650
WIC 3050/3051	Narcotics Addict – Criminal	Court	\$650
EC 1017	Mental Competency/Sanity Examination	County	\$650
Extensive Medical Record Review > 100 pages		Depends on the Evaluation Type	\$60/hour (60 pages/hour) Max \$300
Doctor unable to perform examination after two (2) attempts			\$325
Adelanto High Desert Detention Center Stipend			\$50

Court-Ordered Appearances and Testimony		
Half Day or Less (less than 4 hours)	County or Court*	\$600 (Psychiatrist) \$350 (Psychologist)
Full Day (4 hours or more)		\$1,000 (Psychiatrist) \$600 (Psychologist)
Hearing postponed without notice	Court	\$325
*Fees for an expert who is called to testify in a hearing that the court is not required to conduct shall be paid by the relevant party (e.g., prosecution or defense).		

Extraordinary Cases (Hourly Rates)	
In cases where, because of complexities, the seriousness of the charge, or where novel medical examinations, extensive research and/or trial preparation are required, hourly rates may be allowed in lieu of the flat rate above (LRC 1419.6).	
Requests for extraordinary rates must be made by written motion with a detailed supporting declaration. If hourly billing is authorized by the Court, services must be fully itemized.	
MD/PhD and/or Board Certified in Field	\$125/hour
MD/PhD or equivalent	\$95/hour

Juvenile Court appointed evaluation services shall be paid at applicable Probation Department rates.

Payment Process

The Doctor shall request payment through the claims process as outlined on the Appointed Evaluation Services Claim forms, located on the Court website at <https://www.sb-court.org/general-information/psychiatricpsychological-appointments>. A copy of the letter of appointment or file stamped order appointing the Doctor must accompany all claims.

Please complete all applicable portions of the claim form for timely payment processing. Claims and accompanying documents must be sent to the courthouse that made the appointment. Claims take a minimum of 30 days to process.

Court Hearing Postponed – Payment for Expert Testimony

In the event the doctor appears for testimony but the Court has postponed the hearing without notifying the doctor, the doctor may be compensated at the flat fee of **\$325**. The doctor should document the relevant circumstances on the claim form.

Mileage

You may request mileage reimbursement if you drive to an examination or hearing. If you perform multiple examinations at one location on the same date, you may only claim mileage on one of the claims. You must enter the physical address from which you traveled to your appointment. Mileage is paid at the current federal mileage reimbursement rate established by the IRS, corresponding to the dates of travel.

Doctor Unable to Perform Exam

If after making two attempts, a doctor is unable to perform a court-ordered medical examination for reasons that are beyond the control of the Doctor (defendant uncooperative, defendant no-show), the doctor should notify the court district that made the appointment so the judge is aware.

The doctor may request to be compensated at the flat rate of **\$325**, provided they document the relevant circumstances on the appropriate claim form. The Court reserves the right to verify the attempted contacts with the defendant.

If the Doctor attempted to conduct an interview and the person refused, and there is sufficient data in the records to support that the individual is clearly not competent to stand trial, the doctor may choose to write an evaluation and offer an opinion.^{1,2}

¹ According to the Ethical Guidelines for the Practice of Forensic Psychiatry (Adopted May, 2005 by the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law) "...in particular situations, such as court-ordered evaluations for competency to stand trial or involuntary commitment, neither assent nor informed consent is required. In such cases, psychiatrists should inform the evaluatee that if the evaluatee refuses to participate in the evaluation, this fact may be included in any report or testimony. If the evaluatee does not appear capable of understanding the information provided regarding the evaluation, this impression should also be included in any report, and when feasible, in testimony." <https://www.aapl.org/ethics-guidelines>

² According to the American Psychological Association's Specialty Guidelines for Forensic Psychology, 9.03 Opinions Regarding Persons Not Examined, "... when it is not possible or feasible to examine individuals about whom they are offering an opinion, forensic practitioners strive to make clear the impact of such limitations on the reliability and validity of their professional products, opinions, or testimony."