

Elimination of holdbacks

LSS is pleased to announce that holdbacks are eliminated for all tariff billings received on or after June 24, 2005. This change was approved by the LSS Board of Directors at their June meeting.

The board also approved payment on all amounts held back on accounts paid since April 1, 2005. LSS expects to issue those payments in the fall. This is in addition to the recent payments issued for amounts held back on accounts paid in 2004/2005.

Elimination of the holdbacks is the next step toward tariff renewal, and is in response to feedback the society has received through the tariff review and the Tariff Lawyer Satisfaction Survey. It follows the decisions announced earlier to:

- increase the general preparation allotted to the family tariff (emergency services) from 8 to 14 hours,
- create an extended services family tariff for a limited number of high conflict family cases,
- create limited scope Supreme Court family referrals, and
- reduce holdbacks from 10% to 5% effective April 15, 2005.

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