

Two-month billing requirement for duty counsel and circuit counsel referrals

To improve the Legal Services Society's ability to manage duty counsel budgets and maintain services to clients, we need to monitor our duty counsel spending more closely.

Effective for all duty and circuit counsel services on or after May 1, 2009, you are required to submit your accounts within two months of each date of service. We encourage you to bill promptly once you have completed services on an assigned date, whether or not you have other service dates on your referral. If you do not bill within the required time period, your accounts may not be paid.

This requirement applies to all duty counsel services, including criminal, family, and immigration duty counsel assignments, and all circuit counsel services, and replaces the six-month billing policy for all duty and circuit counsel accounts.

As always, LSS welcomes your feedback about its services, and you may direct any comments to lawyersresources@lss.bc.ca.

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