

493—12.9(13B,815) Court review. An attorney whose claim for compensation is denied, reduced, or otherwise modified by the state public defender, for other than mathematical errors, may seek court review of the action of the state public defender pursuant to Iowa Code section 13B.4(4)“d.”

12.9(1) Motions for court review. Court review of the action of the state public defender is initiated by the filing of a motion with the trial court requesting the review. The following conditions shall apply to all such motions:

a. The motion must be filed with the court within 20 days of the action of the state public defender. This time limit is jurisdictional and will not be extended by the filing of another claim, submitting a letter or email requesting reconsideration, or obtaining a court order affecting the amount of the claim.

b. The motion must set forth each and every ground on which the attorney intends to rely in challenging the action of the state public defender.

c. The motion must have attached to it a complete copy of the claim, together with the notice of action or returned fee claim letter that the attorney seeks to have reviewed.

d. A copy of all documents filed must be provided to the state public defender.

e. It is unnecessary for the state public defender to file any response to the motion.

12.9(2) Hearings. The following shall apply to hearings on motions for court review:

a. The motion shall be set for hearing by the court. Notice of the hearing on the attorney’s request for review shall be provided to the attorney and the state public defender at least ten days prior to the date and time set by the reviewing court.

b. Unless the state public defender appears or specifically indicates an intention to appear in person at the hearing, the state public defender shall participate by telephone. If the state public defender participates by telephone, the state public defender shall be responsible for initiating and paying for the telephone call. If the attorney intends to participate by telephone, the attorney shall notify the state public defender of this intent and provide a telephone number for the hearing at least two business days prior to the date scheduled for the hearing.

c. The burden shall be on the attorney requesting the review.

d. The court shall consider only the issues raised in the attorney’s motion.

e. The court shall issue a written ruling on the issues properly presented in the request for review.

f. If a ruling is entered modifying the state public defender’s action on the claim, the attorney must file a new claim with the state public defender within 45 days of the date of the court’s order modifying the state public defender’s action on the claim. A copy of the court’s ruling and the original claim form and supporting documents must be attached to the claim form. The date of service for such a claim is the date of the court’s order.

12.9(3) Failure to seek review. Failure to seek court review within 20 days of the action of the state public defender will preclude court review of the state public defender’s action.

12.9(4) Other court orders. Any court order entered after the state public defender has taken action on a claim that affects that claim is void unless the state public defender is first notified and given an opportunity to be heard.

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