

OAKLAND COUNTY PROBATE COURT

Notice to Guardians and Conservators re: Payment for Guardianship Reviews

The Court is advising you by this Notice that the ward's conservatorship estate may be billed for the guardianship review.

Reviews are mandated by MCL 700.5309. The legislation, which provided no funding from the state, says that reviews must be performed one year after the guardianship is established and every three years thereafter. Due to budget restrictions, county funding to pay for the mandatory reviews has been greatly reduced.

Although we have utilized volunteers to do many of our reviews in the past, and we continue to identify more sources of volunteers, we do not have enough to cover all reviews.

Therefore, where the Court has identified conservatorship files which appear to have more than \$5000 in liquid assets, we have authorized our review contractors to bill the ward's estate up to \$200 to perform the review. The conservator will receive a bill that should not exceed \$200. It should be paid out of the ward's assets and identified as a disbursement on the annual account.

If the ward is entitled to PIP benefits due to an auto accident, please inform the reviewer as well. The reviewer will bill the insurance company directly instead of the conservator.

We continue to seek more efficient and cost-effective methods of performing the mandated reviews and we ask for your patience in implementation.

If you have any questions, please contact court administration:

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