



NO-FAULT CUSTOMER NEWSLETTER

The purpose of this newsletter is to communicate new and important information to party representatives in no-fault arbitration matters.

Amended No-Fault Rules – Effective January 1, 2022

The Minnesota Supreme Court has amended the Minnesota Rules of No-Fault Arbitration Procedure by order (ADM09-8011) dated October 21, 2021.

The following is a highlight of changes that will be effective **January 1, 2022**.

Rule 39. Administrative Fees*

The filing fee for claimant will be \$50.00.

The filing fee for respondent will be \$200.00.

**Please note that these fee changes will apply to all new cases submitted electronically or postmarked on or after January 1, 2022.*

Rule 40. Arbitrator, Motion, and Application Fees

(a) The moving party shall pay a \$150.00 deposit to the arbitration organization at the time the movant submits motion/application papers to the arbitration organization. The party opposing the motion/application shall pay a \$150.00 deposit to the arbitration organization at the time the opposing party submits its opposition/responsive papers to the arbitration organization.*

The arbitration organization will be compensated a \$50.00 administrative fee from a deposit submitted as determined by the full text of the rule.

(d) An arbitrator serving on a party-consolidated glass case shall be compensated at a rate of \$200.00 per hour.**

**Please note that these fee changes will apply to all motions filed on or after January 1, 2022.*

***Please note that the arbitration compensation rate will apply to all cases filed on or after January 1, 2022.*

Motion Practice

The Minnesota Supreme Court's No-Fault Standing Committee has provided guidance on the application of the meet and confer requirement under Rule 12(b). A meet and confer must take place after the No-Fault Petition is filed with the AAA and must be included in moving/application papers.

The AAA requests that this information be stated clearly at the beginning of your moving/application papers.



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Hearing Brief Submissions

Hearing materials should be provided directly to the arbitrator with a copy to opposing counsel. The AAA does not need a copy of hearing materials.

The arbitrator's preferred method of delivery for hearing materials is included in the Notice of Hearing. Unless the arbitrator specifies otherwise, the AAA recommends that materials be sent at least one business day prior to the scheduled hearing—and preferably by electronic transmission. If you intend to use first class mail, please send the materials at least five business days prior to the scheduled hearing.

Best Practices for Virtual Hearings

- **Promptness**

Log in at least five minutes before the hearing is scheduled to start. Preparing early to connect allows time to locate login credentials and verify participant connectivity without delaying the proceedings.

- **Login Credentials**

Locate login credentials ahead of time. AAA staff are often connecting several videoconference hearings at the same time; therefore, they may not be immediately available to resend this information if you wait until the start of the hearing.

Reminder—Updated Petition Form

The Minnesota No-Fault Petition form was updated in October 2020. This form must be used when filing a new case. Please access the updated petition form on our website by clicking [here](#).

Updates include:

- The ability to select your preferred hearing format. If you select an in-person hearing, you may request a specific location. Other options include: teleconference, videoconference, or documents only. Please select only one preference.
- A section to verify where and how you served your filing on the insurance company. When serving the insurance company, it is only necessary to use one method of service.

Cybersecurity

Important tips for ensuring security while participating in a case, as well as for everyday cybersecurity, are available as a resource for parties and representatives on AAA WebFile®, under *Information Security Tips & Training*. This page is part of the AAA's ongoing "Case-Level Cybersecurity" initiative.



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Topics include: Identity Theft, Home Network Security, Password Best Practices, Phishing and Social Engineering, Security Tips for Mobile Devices, and Wi-Fi Best Practices.

Parties and Representatives can also access cybersecurity best practices and a checklist on the AAA's Minnesota No-Fault webpage at www.adr.org/mnnofault.

New Office and Mailing Address

The Minneapolis office moved to a new location on August 27, 2021. The new address is:

American Arbitration Association
2355 Highway 36 West, Suite 400
Roseville, MN 55113

Feedback

What would you like to see featured in this newsletter?

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