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# **POLICY SUBJECT:**

Accounts Receivable Collection Policy - General

# PURPOSE:

To provide clear direction on the collection of general accounts receivable.

# **BOARD POLICY REFERENCE:**

Executive Limitation 5 – Financial Condition & Activities

#### POLICY:

The organization will make the maximum effort to collect payment for all accounts.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

Site Clerk – one responsible for the monthly billing and collection of Workers Compensation Board invoices Finance – Financial Analyst, Accountant, Junior Accountant or Accounts Receivable Clerk

# PROCEDURE:

The following collection procedures will apply to accounts receivable, except for residential charges (please see ORG.1312.PL.002 for this policy) and authorized charges (please see ORG.1312.PL.003 for this policy):

- 1. Site Clerk or Finance will send invoice to client *within* 30 days of the client receiving the service or goods.
- 2. A Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) fee will be charged for all NSF cheques or Pre-Authorized Debits based on the current Schedule of Charges.
- 3. Where an account remains outstanding at the end of the month and falls within the 31-60 day aging category, Finance will contact the client by telephone. If contact is unsuccessful, a written notice will be sent to the client indicating the status of the outstanding account. Documentation of the contact will be noted on the client's account.
- 4. Where an account remains outstanding at the end of the month and falls within the 61-90 days aging category, Finance will contact the client by telephone. If contact is unsuccessful, a written notice will be sent to the client indicating the status of the outstanding account. Documentation of the contact will be noted on the client's account.

- 5. Where an account remains outstanding at the end of month and falls within the 91 days and over aging category, a final written notice will be sent to the client indicating the account will be sent to a Collection Agency if payment or payment arrangements are not made within ten days. Documentation of this notice will be made on the client's account.
- 6. All accounts needing involvement of a Collection Agency will be reviewed by the Regional Manager Corporate Financial Services or designate prior to being sent.
- 7. Documentation will be made on the client's account once the account has been sent to the Collection Agency.
- 8. Any communication with the client will be documented on the client's account.

Outstanding accounts under \$10.00 are not involved in the collection process outlined in steps 3 to 7 of the above procedure. The account will be written off with the permission of the Vice-President of Finance and Planning or designate (please see ORG.1312.PL.004 for this policy).

#### **Deceased Client**

- 1. When notified that a client is deceased, Finance will seek confirmation of death.
- 2. Once confirmed, Finance will add "Estate of" to the customer's name and note the deceased date on the client's account.
- 3. Finance will seek information as to who is the executor and how to reach him or her.
- 4. Finance will follow the above-mentioned collection process with the executor.

# Workers Compensation Board (WCB)

 Workers Compensation Board invoicing and statements must be followed-up at the Facility by the Site Clerk per above collection procedures with the exception of sending WCB to a Collection Agency.

# **REFERENCES:**

ORG.1312.PL.002 Collection Policy – Residential Charges

ORG.1312.PL.003 Collection Policy – Authorized Charges