

**Notice of changes to the  
General Civil Contract (Solicitors)  
from 31 October 2004**

Rule 12.2.2 Previous Legal Advice

Add the following after paragraph 12:

**“You may claim up to 30 minutes (and associated interpreter costs) in addition to the Legal Help Cost Limit and Disbursement Limit for an initial interview where:**

- (a) The client has been dispersed from one region to another; and**
- (b) The client has received previous Legal Help or Controlled Legal Representation from another supplier; and**
- (c) The relevant Cost Limit has been exhausted by the previous supplier.”**

Rule 12.6 Reporting a case – Stage Billing

Delete the existing text of paragraph 1 and replace with the following:

**“1. You must submit a Controlled Work claim within three months of the end of each of the following stages of the case citing the correct Unique Client Number:**

**Legal Help**

- (a) The date you receive the initial Home Office decision or when you have completed work under Legal Help if earlier;**
- (b) When all further work under Legal Help has been completed. Only those costs incurred since stage (a) should be reported.**

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- (c) The date you receive the initial Adjudicator's decision or when you have completed work under CLR if earlier;**
- (d) When all further work under CLR has been completed. Only those costs incurred since stage (c) should be reported.”**