



Family Tariff changes

To reflect changes associated with the *Family Law Act (FLA)*, LSS will implement changes to our [Family Tariff](#), effective March 18, 2013.

Protection order referrals

You may receive a limited referral (“protection order only”) if a client requires a protection order under the *FLA* and does not otherwise qualify for a family law referral. Such referrals may be issued for family members as defined by the *FLA*. The protection order referral provides seven hours of general preparation and actual court attendance. The referral authorizes you to obtain a protection order for the family member and is not intended to resolve ancillary issues. Extended Services hours are not available for protection order referrals.

Out-of-court dispute resolution (including arbitration)

The Family Tariff is being revised to expand the **collaborative processes and/or mediation** tariff items to include any combination of mediation/arbitration/collaborative process sessions, with the same hourly limits as the current tariff. These tariff items are now called **out-of-court-dispute resolution**. A family law referral will continue to provide up to 10 hours of preparation and up to 15 hours attendance at mediation/arbitration/collaborative process sessions.

Arbitration and arbitrators will be paid at the same rate and under the same guidelines as mediation in the Disbursements Tariff.

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