



Ohio Revised Code

Section 126.30 Interest on late payments for goods and services.

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(A) Any state agency that purchases, leases, or otherwise acquires any equipment, materials, goods, supplies, or services from any person and fails to make payment for the equipment, materials, goods, supplies, or services by the required payment date shall pay an interest charge to the person in accordance with division (E) of this section, unless the amount of the interest charge is less than ten dollars. Except as otherwise provided in division (B), (C), or (D) of this section, the required payment date shall be the date on which payment is due under the terms of a written agreement between the state agency and the person or, if a specific payment date is not established by such a written agreement, the required payment date shall be thirty days after the state agency receives a proper invoice for the amount of the payment due.

(B) If the invoice submitted to the state agency contains a defect or impropriety, the agency shall send written notification to the person within fifteen days after receipt of the invoice. The notice shall contain a description of the defect or impropriety and any additional information necessary to correct the defect or impropriety. If the agency sends such written notification to the person, the required payment date shall be thirty days after the state agency receives a proper invoice.

(C) In applying this section to claims submitted to the department of job and family services by providers of equipment, materials, goods, supplies, or services, the required payment date shall be the date on which payment is due under the terms of a written agreement between the department and the provider. If a specific payment date is not established by a written agreement, the required payment date shall be thirty days after the department receives a proper claim. If the department determines that the claim is improperly executed or that additional evidence of the validity of the claim is required, the department shall notify the claimant in writing or by telephone within fifteen days after receipt of the claim. The notice shall state that the claim is improperly executed and needs correction or that additional information is necessary to establish the validity of the claim. If the department makes such notification to the provider, the required payment date shall be thirty days after the department receives the corrected claim or such additional information as may be necessary to establish the validity of the claim.



(D) In applying this section to invoices submitted to the bureau of workers' compensation for equipment, materials, goods, supplies, or services provided to employees in connection with an employee's claim against the state insurance fund, the public work-relief employees' compensation fund, the coal-workers pneumoconiosis fund, or the marine industry fund as compensation for injuries or occupational disease pursuant to Chapter 4123., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code, the required payment date shall be the date on which payment is due under the terms of a written agreement between the bureau and the provider. If a specific payment date is not established by a written agreement, the required payment date shall be thirty days after the bureau receives a proper invoice for the amount of the payment due or thirty days after the final adjudication allowing payment of an award to the employee, whichever is later. Nothing in this section shall supersede any faster timetable for payments to health care providers contained in sections 4121.44 and 4123.512 of the Revised Code.

For purposes of this division, a "proper invoice" includes the claimant's name, claim number and date of injury, employer's name, the provider's name and address, the provider's assigned payee number, a description of the equipment, materials, goods, supplies, or services provided by the provider to the claimant, the date provided, and the amount of the charge. If more than one item of equipment, materials, goods, supplies, or services is listed by a provider on a single application for payment, each item shall be considered separately in determining if it is a proper invoice.

If prior to a final adjudication the bureau determines that the invoice contains a defect, the bureau shall notify the provider in writing at least fifteen days prior to what would be the required payment date if the invoice did not contain a defect. The notice shall contain a description of the defect and any additional information necessary to correct the defect. If the bureau sends a notification to the provider, the required payment date shall be redetermined in accordance with this division after the bureau receives a proper invoice.

For purposes of this division, "final adjudication" means the later of the date of the decision or other action by the bureau, the industrial commission, or a court allowing payment of the award to the employee from which there is no further right to reconsideration or appeal that would require the bureau to withhold compensation and benefits, or the date on which the rights to reconsideration or appeal have expired without an application therefor having been filed or, if later, the date on which



an application for reconsideration or appeal is withdrawn. If after final adjudication, the administrator of the bureau of workers' compensation or the industrial commission makes a modification with respect to former findings or orders, pursuant to Chapter 4123., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code or pursuant to court order, the adjudication process shall no longer be considered final for purposes of determining the required payment date for invoices for equipment, materials, goods, supplies, or services provided after the date of the modification when the propriety of the invoices is affected by the modification.

(E) The interest charge on amounts due shall be paid to the person for the period beginning on the day after the required payment date and ending on the day that payment of the amount due is made. The amount of the interest charge that remains unpaid at the end of any thirty-day period after the required payment date, including amounts under ten dollars, shall be added to the principal amount of the debt and thereafter the interest charge shall accrue on the principal amount of the debt plus the added interest charge. The interest charge shall be at the rate per calendar month that equals one-twelfth of the rate per annum prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code for the calendar year that includes the month for which the interest charge accrues.

(F) No appropriations shall be made for the payment of any interest charges required by this section. Any state agency required to pay interest charges under this section shall make the payments from moneys available for the administration of agency programs.

If a state agency pays interest charges under this section, but determines that all or part of the interest charges should have been paid by another state agency, the state agency that paid the interest charges may request the attorney general to determine the amount of the interest charges that each state agency should have paid under this section. If the attorney general determines that the state agency that paid the interest charges should have paid none or only a part of the interest charges, the attorney general shall notify the state agency that paid the interest charges, any other state agency that should have paid all or part of the interest charges, and the director of budget and management of the attorney general's decision, stating the amount of interest charges that each state agency should have paid. The director shall transfer from the appropriate funds of any other state agency that should have paid all or part of the interest charges to the appropriate funds of the state agency that paid the interest charges an amount necessary to implement the attorney general's decision.



(G) Not later than forty-five days after the end of each fiscal year, each state agency shall file with the director of budget and management a detailed report concerning the interest charges the agency paid under this section during the previous fiscal year. The report shall include the number, amounts, and frequency of interest charges the agency incurred during the previous fiscal year and the reasons why the interest charges were not avoided by payment prior to the required payment date. The director shall compile a summary of all the reports submitted under this division and shall submit a copy of the summary to the president and minority leader of the senate and to the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives no later than the thirtieth day of September of each year.