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# How to enter bills in Vbill for Vendors



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## **Please review check list before moving forward These items are required for processing payment:**

- **Motion for funds, All Pages** ("A clear and legible Judge's "Signature & Allowed Date")
- Attorney NAC number \*
- Itemized Time Records (Reflects the work performed with date and hours billed)

\*If the Attorney you are working with is a Bar Advocate Attorney, he/she should have a NAC number. If the Attorney does not have a NAC number, please ask what attorney type they are i.e. CPCS STAFF, PRIVATELY RETAINED, PRO BONO, etc...



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#### STEP 1: Select the "Add Invoice" button.

#### Vbill Invoice List For TESTOR, TEST Q JR

VENDOR NAME:

	Status		# of Invoices		Status		# of Invoices			
۲	Work In Progress		5		O Partially Processed		0			
C	Pending	71	71		O Processed		0			
C	Rejected	35	35		O Transmitted for Payment		0			
A	Add Invoice View Payment Detail Upload Bills to CPCS									
	Vendor's Invoice #	<u>Status</u>	<u>Client</u>	A	ttorney	Service Ty	<u>pe</u>	Payment Ref #		
edi	<u>t</u> January	Work In Progre	ess Monica Brown			SERVICE OF PRO	CESS			
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edi	t unique invoice 2	Work In Progre	ess CAFL, Test	MAURA	HARDIMAN	PRIVATE INVEST	IGATION			
edi	t John doe 1	Work In Progre	ess John doe	John S	mith	PRIVATE INVEST	IGATION			
edi	<u>t</u> 6321	Work In Progre	ess leonard	jessica	jones	TRANSCRIBER				



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PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT MESSAGE BEFORE MOVING ON:

If you know your Attorney's NAC number, Skip this message:

- If you do not have a NAC\* number (Notice of Assigned Counsel) Please ask and obtain from your attorney before moving on to the next page.
- If the attorney is NOT a bar advocate, please ask what type of an attorney they are i.e. CPCS STAFF, Privately Retained, Pro Bono, etc... So that you may select the correct type.

\*A Notice of Assigned Counsel is a number that a Bar Advocate receives when he or she is assigned to a new case. 5



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\*If you select an attorney type by mistake and there is a NAC on file, <u>CLICK HERE</u> to add the nac number.



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STEP 4-A: Read the pop-up, make sure all the information is correct. Then select "OK".

# OR

STEP 4-B: If there is no NAC number, you must enter the case information manually. \*Enter client's Last Name first.\*

ne	Invo	ice List	Input Invoices	Manuals & Forms	Manage My Info	Notices
·e			Vbill	Invoice for T	ESTOR, TEST	Q JR
•	Warning: CPCS has not receive	d your Annual	Payment Registration F	Form for the current fisca	al year, contact the Audi	t and Oversight Depa
on 18	INVOICE SUMMARY					
ect	Service type chosen:	TRANSCRIB	ER 💙			
	Enter NAC Number.	c00000011	Ok			
	Invoice Number			Fiscal Year:		
	Court:	BOSTON MU	NICIPAL DISTRICT COU	IRT	$\checkmark$	
aic	Client Name:	CAFL, Test		TOTALS		
	Attorney Last:	HARDIMAN	The da fiel	ta for NAC c00000011 is Ids have been updated to	on file at CPCS. The fol match the data at CPC	lowing S:
you se	Attorney First:	MAURA	Attorne	y First Name, Attorney L	.ast Name. Client Name,	, Court
SC	Delivery Date or Final Fiscal Year Date of Service:			0	ĸ	
				Rejection Reas	son:	
ent's	Notes:					
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INVOICE SUMMARY

- STEP 5: Enter a *unique* invoice #. Inputting the client's name or NAC number as the invoice # is prohibited.
- **STEP 7: Select the Save button.**

	Vbill Invoice for TESTOR	,
Warning: CPCS has not received	your Annual Payment Registration Form for the current fiscal year, conta	а

Enter NAC Number	c00000011	Ok
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Invoice Number:	7788D	Fiscal Year:
Court:	BOSTON MUNICIPAL DIS	TRICT COURT V
Client Name:	CAFL, Test	TOTALS
Attorney Last:		Service Amount:
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	HARDIMAN	Balance:
Attorney First:	MAURA	Ourrent Status:
		Current Status Instructions
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Notes:		~
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Saved.		



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#### STEP 8: Select the "Enter" Invoice Detail" button.



Rejection Reason:

Warning: CPCS has not received your Annual Payment Registration Form for the current fiscal year, contact INVOICE SUMMARY

Service type chosen:	PSYCHOLOGIST	~		
Enter NAC Number.	c0000011	Ok		
Invoice Number:	John Doe 2		Fiscal Year:	
Court:	BOSTON MUNICIPAL D	ISTRICT COU	IRT	~
Client Name:	CAFL, Test		TOTALS	Amount
Attorney Last:	HARDIMAN		Amo	ount Paid:
Attorney First:	MAURA		Curre	nt Status
			Current Status In	struction

Notes:

Enter Invoice Detail

Invoice Saved.

Save

Delete

STEP 9: Select your employee (if applicable), and input your CPCS rates (If you do not know, type in your normal rate). Then hit the "Continue Invoice Detail" button.

INVOICE DETA Warning: CPCS has not received yo TOTALS	IL our Annual Payment Registi	ration Form for the current fiscal	year, contact the Audit and Oversight Department a
SERVICES \$	MILES \$	EXPENSE \$	DETAIL TOTAL \$ \$0.00
Employee: TESTOR, VBILL T.	✓ Rate: \$ 18	10.50 Coni	tinue Invoice Detail
Delete Return To Invoice	Add Another Detail		

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- STEP 10: Enter your dates of service (earliest to most recent).
- STEP 11: Select the appropriate Activity Type: If non appear on the drop down list, select "other" and add description in "notes"

INVOICE DETAIL Warning: CPCS has not received your	Annual Payment Registration	Form for the curre	nt fiscal year, co	ntact the Audit and	Oversight Department	at 617-209-5596.
TOTALS						
SERVICES \$	MILES \$	EXPENSE \$		DETAIL T	OTAL \$ \$0.00	
Employee: TESTOR, VBILL T.	✓ Rate: \$ 180.50		Continue In	voice Detail		
Delete Return To Invoice Ad	dd Another Detail					
SERVICES						
Display all services on one						
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(enter new service detail here)	(select an activity type) Bonding/Parenting Assess Client Interview Conduct Evaluation	nent				Add
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	Home Study International Home Study					
BACK TO TOP	Other					
MILEAGE	Prepare Report					
Display all mileage on one page? 🔘	Review Documents					
	Travel Time				nJ	



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STEP 11-A: Enter date of Mileage if applicable. Miles are counted as round trip.

STEP 11-B: Enter Expenses if applicable. \*Any amount that totals \$5.00 or over requires a receipt

Back To Top MILEAGE										
Display all mileage on one page?										
<u>Travel Date</u>	From	<u>To</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Round</u> <u>Trip</u> <u>Dollars</u>						
(select date of travel) ✓ (select new travel here)	(select a city/town) ∨	(select a city/town) 💙		Add						
Back To Top EXPENSES Display all expenses on one pa	age? ●No ○Yes									
<u>Date</u>	Туре	Amount	<u>Note</u>							
(enter new expense here)	(select an expense type) ✔			Add						
Return To Invoice Back To Top										



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 STEP 12-A: Click the "Add" button to finish your date of service. Continue adding dates if necessary in Step 10 STEP 12-B: Click the "Return to Invoice" button to finish and SAVE.



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INVOICE SUMMARY

- STEP 13: Once you have returned to the invoice list select the "Save" button.
- > STEP 14: If you have more service dates to add then select the "Edit" link.
- > STEP 15: Once you are satisfied, select the "Review & Submit" button.

Choose Service Type:	PSYCHOLOGIST	$\checkmark$		
Enter NAC Number	r c00000011	Ok		
Invoice Number: Court:	John Doe 2 BOSTON MUNICIPAL DISTRI	CT COURT	Fiscal Year: 20	016
Client Name	CAFL, Test		TOTALS	
Attorney Last	HARDIMAN		Service An Amoun	nount: \$150.00 t Paid: \$0.00
Attorney First	MAURA		Ba	lance: \$150.00
Notes			Current S	tatus: Work In Progress
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Save Delete Raview	w & Submit Enter Invoice	Detail		
DETAILS				
Employe	e Name Ser	vice Tot Det	ail Total \$	
Edit TEST, JOHN Q.		\$150.00	\$150.00	

Warning: CPCS has not received your Annual Payment Registration Form for the current fiscal year, contact the Audit and Oversight Department at 617-209-5596.

Vbill Invoice for TESTOR, TEST Q JR



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STEP 16: Select the "Submit" button so that the attorney can certify the bill.

STEP 17: The current status of your bill will change from "Work in Progress" to "Pending". After reviewing the voucher for accuracy, scroll down to the bottom of the Vbill Review Form and click the Submit button to continue the submission process or the Cancel button to stop the submission process for this voucher,

#### Vendor Name: TESTOR, TEST Q JR Invoice Number: John Doe 2 Client Name: CAFL, Test

Service Type: PSYCHOLOGIST

Court: Boston Municipal District Court NAC Number: c0000011 Date Submitted:

**Vbill Review For TESTOR, TEST** 

Date Paperwork Received: Fiscal Year: 2016 Submitted Amount: 150.00 Amount Paid: Total Hours Billed: 0.00 Delivery Date: 03/01/2016 Current Status: Work In Progress Current Status Instructions:

Attorney Name: HARDIMAN, MAURA Vendor Code: vc000000001

Invoice Details

Employee Name: TEST, JOHN Q. Totals: Services \$: 150.00 Detail Total: 150.00

#### Services

Submit

Date	Activity Type	# of Units	Amount	Note
2/29/2016	Pages Transcribed	50	\$150.00	

Cancel



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Ok

#### **Vbill Review Form**

After reviewing the voucher for accuracy, scroll down to the bottom of the Vbill Review Form and click the Submit button to continue the submission process or the Cancel button to stop the submission process for this voucher.

Vendor N	lame: TESTOR, TE	ST Q JI	2	Date Submitted: Date Paperwork Received:				
Invoice Nur	mber: John Doe 2			Fiscal Year: 2016				
Client N	lame: CAFL, Test			Submitted Amount: 150.00				
Service	Type: Transcriber				Amount Paid:			
				Total	Hours Billed: 0.00			
Court: Boston Municipal District Court NAC Number: c00000011				C Current Status	By transmitting this infor under the pains and pen- have provided the services the dates and for the bit	mation, you are certifying alties of perjury that you ; and incurred the costs on mag licted and that your		
Attorney N Vendor (	lame: HARDIMAN, I	MAURA		charges for services on this bill are bas contemporaneous time records mai accordance with the CPCS policy, the C	is bill are based upon your records maintained in policy, the CPCS Assigned			
Invoice Details					you have rece	Cancel		
Employee Na Totals:	ame: TEST, JOHN	IQ.						
Servio Detail T	es \$: 150.00 otal: <b>150.00</b>							
Services								
Date	Activity Type	# of Units	Amount		Note			
2/29/2016	Pages Transcribed	50	\$150.00					
Submit Cancel	Ok			·				

# **STEP 18:** A Vbill ID number is automatically generated for the submitted bill.

#### Vbill Review For TESTOR, TEST Q JR

This invoice is still awaiting attorney approval. Please wait for the attorney to approve this invoice before printing and mailing this document.



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STEP 19: After the attorney certifies your bill, your current status will change to "Awaiting CPCS Approval". You will also receive a Vbill Notice under the "Notice" menu.

VENDOR NAME

#### Vbill Invoice List For TESTOR, TEST Q JR

VENDOR NA	IML:				_			
Status # of Invoices		Status	# of Invoices					
O Work In Prog	O Work In Progress 5		O Partially Processed	0				
Pending	Pending 72		Processed 0					
O Rejected	Rejected 35		O Transmitted for Payment	0				
Add Invoice	View Payment De	etail Upload Bills to CPCS						
INVOICE LI	STING							
<u>Vbill ID</u>	Vendor's Invoice	<u># Status</u>	Instructions	<u>Client</u>	Attorney	Service Type	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Submittal</u> <u>Date</u>
<u>view</u> v0951959	John Doe 2	Awaiting CPCS Approval		CAFL, Test	MAURA HARDIMAN	TRANSCRIBER	150.00	3/28/2016



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> STEP 20: You may now print out the bill. Sign and date it.

> Note: Please read and attach all required documentation before mailing your bill.

- STEP 21: Mail to: CPCS **Accounts Payable Unit**, **75 Federal Street 6th Floor Boston MA, 02110**
- STEP 26: Please e-mail Vendorbills@publiccounsel.net for any payment related questions.

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he attorney has	approved your b	ill. Yo	u must now pr	int the Final 1	nvoice Summary sheet, a	ttach any required
ocumentation to	it and mail it to	CPCS.				
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ou may want to	print this page i		r records.	Des	- Cubmined, 02/20/2016	
Vendor I	ill ID: v0951959	51 Q 5	ĸ	Date Paperwo	ork Received:	
Invoice Nu	mber: John Doe 2				Fiscal Year: 2016	
Client M	Name: CAFL, Test			Submi	tted Amount: 150.00	
Service	Type: Transcriber				Amount Paid:	
				Total	Hours Billed: 0.00	
	Court: Boston Muni	ipal Dis	trict	0	elivery Date: 03/01/2016	
	Court					America
NAC NU	mber: cuuuuuii			CL	Frent Status: Awaiting CPUS	Approval
				urrent Status	Instructions:	
Attorney M	Name: HARDIMAN,	MAURA				
Vendor	Code: vr00000000	11				
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further certify the	at all charges for	ervice	s on this bill are	based upon		
y contemporaneo	ous time records r	naintai	ned in accordan	ce with CPCS		
olicy, the CPCS As	ssigned Counsel a	nd V-Bi	ill Manuals, and	regulations.		
<b>r</b>						
	Vendor Signature			Date	<b>J</b>	



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**Note**: When we receive your Vbill in our office, the "Paperwork Recvd" date will populate. We process bills in the order in which they are received. Normally, it will take 3 to 4 weeks from paper work receipt date until it is processed and transmitted for payment.

#### VENDOR NAME:

Status	# of Invoices	Status	# of Invoices
O Work In Progress	5	O Partially Processed	0
Pending	72	O Processed	0
Rejected	35	O Transmitted for Payment	0

Add Invoice	View Payment Detai	Upload Bills to CPCS								
<u>Vbill ID</u>	Vendor's Invoice #	<u>Status</u>	Instructions	<u>Client</u>	<u>Attorney</u>	Service Type	<u>Amount</u>	Submittal Date	Paperwork <u>Rcvd</u>	Payment Ref #
<u>view</u> v0951959	John Doe 2	Awaiting CPCS Approval		CAFL, Test	MAURA HARDIMAN	TRANSCRIBER	150.00	3/28/2016		
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There are **6 folders/categories** in Invoice List screen:

Status	# of Invoices
Work In Progress	6
O Pending	73
○ Rejected	35

- Work In Progress: Bills are created, edited, and submitted
- Pending: Bills are awaiting CPCS Processing
- Rejected: Bills are rejected by Attorney, S116, or CPCS Analysts

Status	# of Invoices
O Partially Processed	0
O Processed	0
O Transmitted for Payment	0

- Partially Processed: Remaining amount of paid bills are displayed
- Processed: Bills are Approved by CPCS Analysts
- Transmitted for Payment: Bills have been paid



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The Vbill Review form will populate after the bill is successfully submitted.

#### Here are some key highlights:

- Vbill ID is generated (begins with V)
- Vendor Code (begins with VC)
- Current status will display Pending Attorney
  Signature
- **Date submitted** (the date the bill was submitted in Vbill)
- **Date Paperwork Received** (this date only populates upon receipt of bill in office)

#### **Attorney certification highlights:**

- Rejected in Full
  - Attorney may reject bill fully if there is no knowledge of production of said transcript
  - Bill is returned to *Rejected* folder and the **current status** will display *Rejected by Attorney*
- Rejected for Modification
  - Bill is returned to *Work In Progress* folder to edit, delete and/or resubmit.
  - The **current status** will display *Rejected by Attorney for Modification*
- Certified
  - Bill is certified by attorney and the **current status** will display *Awaiting CPCS Approval.* Vendor receives notice that attorney has certified the bill.
  - Bill remains in *Pending* folder until <u>received</u> and processed by CPCS

You may want to print this page for your records.

Vendor Name: TESTOR, TEST Q JR Vbill ID: V0893826

Invoice Number: test55

Client Name: smith, john

Service Type: Transcriber

Court: Ayer District Court Attorney Type: CPCS Employed Attorney

Attorney Name: Acevedo, Yolanda Y

Vendor Code: vc000000001



Date Submitted: 07/24/2015 Date Paperwork Received: Fiscal Year: 2015 Submitted Amount: 1,500.00 Amount Paid: Total Hours Billed: 0.00 Delivery Date: 05/31/2015

Current Status: Pending Attorney Signature

**Current Status Instructions:** 



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You may want to print this page for your records.

Vendor Name: TESTOR, TEST Q JR Vbill ID: V0864097

Invoice Number: 84

Client Name: Test, Joe Service Type: Transcriber

Court: Holyoke Juvenile Court NAC Number: C00000011

Attorney Name: DOE, JOHN

Vendor Code: vc000000001



Date Paperwork Received: Fiscal Year: 2015 Submitted Amount: 101.00 Amount Paid: Total Hours Billed: 0.00 Delivery Date: 12/01/2014 Current Status: Awaiting CPCS Approval Current Status Instructions: Vendor Must Print Out Invoice and Attach Documentation and Mail To

Date Submitted: 12/15/2014

Attach Documentation and Mail To CPCS.

#### **Vbill Final Invoice Summary page**

- Current Status instructions:
  - Vendor prints Final Invoice Summary page, signs it, attaches documentation (as required) and mails to CPCS
- CPCS reviews bill and paperwork (as required) to ensure its adherence to billing policy/guidelines
- Bill is approved (processed) for payment and appears within Processed folder
- (Not likely for your service type) but if motion depletes or if allowable amount exceeds motion then the bill is reduced to the maximum allowable amount by the motion. In this case the bill appears in the *Partially Processed* folder
- Weekly, usually Wednesdays, bills are submitted to the Comptroller for payment and the bill appears in the *Transmitted for Payment* folder. Paid bills disappear after 30 days.
- To view older bills, select the View Payment Detail button
- To verify payments made to you please visit the Comptroller's website, Vendor Web, at https://massfinance.state.ma.us/VendorWeb



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- FAQs: <u>https://www.publiccounsel.net/cfo/court-cost-faq/#transcripts</u>
- CPCS Website: <u>https://www.publiccounsel.net/cfo/billing/</u>
- Manual & Webinars: <u>https://www.publiccounsel.net/cfo/manuals-and-webinars/</u>
- Vbill: <u>https://www.cpcsvendorbill.com</u>
- Vendor Web: <u>https://massfinance.state.ma.us/VendorWeb</u>
- Vendor Bill Helpline: <u>vendorbills@publiccounsel.net</u>