

(2) \$25 FOR THE FILING OF THE RESPONSE TO THE CLAIM.

(C) (1) THE DIRECTOR SHALL PAY ALL FILING FEES COLLECTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO THE COMPTROLLER OF THE STATE.

(2) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE:

(I) 20% OF THE FILING FEES RECEIVED FROM THE DIRECTOR TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE; AND

(II) THE BALANCE OF THE FILING FEES TO THE HEALTH CLAIMS ARBITRATION OFFICE.

(D) (1) THE FUND SHALL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY TO PAY THE FEES OF ARBITRATORS.

(2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ASSESSMENT OF COSTS UNDER § 3-2A-05(F) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE PARTIES TO AN ARBITRATION SHALL REIMBURSE THE FUND FOR ALL FEES PAID TO THE ARBITRATORS FROM THE FUND.

(E) (1) THE FUND IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(2) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, ANY UNSPENT PORTIONS OF THE FUND MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE, BUT SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(II) UNSPENT PORTIONS OF THE FUND THAT EXCEED \$100,000 AT THE END OF ANY FISCAL YEAR SHALL REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND.

(F) (1) THE DIRECTOR SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

(2) MONEYS IN THE FUND MAY BE EXPENDED ONLY FOR ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE AUTHORIZED BY THIS SUBTITLE.

(G) THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR SHALL AUDIT THE ACCOUNTS AND TRANSACTIONS OF THE FUND AS PROVIDED IN § 2-1215 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

3-2A-05:

(f) (1) The award shall include an assessment of costs, including the arbitrators' fees.

(2) If there is no panel determination, the panel chairman shall assess costs.

(3) THE PARTY WHO PAYS THE COSTS SHALL RECEIVE A CREDIT FOR THE FILING FEE THE PARTY PAYS UNDER § 3-2A-03A(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That § 3-2A-02(c) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, as enacted by Chapter _____ (H.B. 1359) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1993, concerning an action for damages under Subtitle 2A of that article shall apply only to causes of action arising on or after July 1, 1993.