

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION LUMP SUM SETTLEMENT PROCESSING – CY 21

In CY21 858 lump sum settlements (LSS) were submitted to the Commission for approval. Of these, 855 were ultimately approved, leaving 3 not approved.

The tables below indicate the percentages of LSS approved within each time interval. The number of days is the duration between the date the LSS was received by the Commission until the date it was approved.

Of the 855 LSS processed, only 379 (44%) satisfied the requirements of JRP 18 on receipt. Seventy percent (70%) of the remaining 476 LSS (56%) were approved within 17 days of receipt. Two percent (2%) of all LSS require more than 60 days to approve.

Processing Time for LSS Approved in 2021 With Complete Package Submitted	
0-7 days	80.5%
8-14 days	16.6%
15-19 days	2.1%
≥ 20 days	0.8%
379 LSS received as complete package	
Average Processing Time = 6.17 days	

Processing Time for LSS Approved in 2021 With Missing Information	
0-11 days	51.7%
12-17 days	18.9%
18-60 days	25.8%
≥ 60 days	3.6%
476 LSS with missing information	
Median days = 11 / Average days = 17	
75 th percentile days = 60	

ISSUES INVOLVED ON 10 LONGEST-DELAYED SETTLEMENTS

- Medical Subrogation (5)
- No Claimant Attorney Memorandum (3)
- Defendant Settlement Summary Incorrect (1)
- Attorney Fee on PPI (1)

In CY21, 476 LSS were placed on hold at some point during the review process. The tables below identify the reasons causing a hold on the LSS, broken down for both Claimants and Defendants.

The most common reason for placing a LSS on hold is failure to provide information required by administrative or judicial rule, Idaho Supreme Court Opinion¹, or clarification from claimant's counsel. Where Claimant has failed to provide required information the overall average processing time is 17.05 days from the date the LSS was received by the Commission.

CLAIMANT HOLDS	# Placed on Hold	Average Processing Days
Attorney Fee Memorandum Missing or other Attorney Fee Issue	282	15.69
Other	47	16.04
Pro se contact needed	45	18.71
Outstanding medicals	19	26.42
Incorrect Template/error on template	11	22.73
3rd (Third) party info needed	7	35.14
Lien issue	1	7.00
	Overall Average Days	17.05

Where Defendants have failed to provide required information the average processing time is 15.91 days from receipt of the LSS by the Commission.

DEFENSE HOLDS	# Placed on Hold	Average Processing Days
Medicals needed	13	25.31
Incorrect /error on template	10	11.4
Other	6	6.83
Supporting documents needed	2	6.50
Surety name is wrong	1	16.00
Verbal Pending	1	12.00
	Overall Average Days	15.91

¹ Idaho Supreme Court rulings affecting LSS: *Williams v Blue Cross*, 151 Idaho 515 (2011) and *Werneck v St. Maries Joint School*, 147 Idaho, 207 P3.d 1008 (2009).