

***Important Open Negotiation and Independent Dispute Resolution Deadlines***

| <b>Independent Dispute Resolution Action</b>  | <b>Timeline</b>  |
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| Initiate 30-business-day open negotiation period  | 30 business days, starting on the day of initial payment or notice of denial of payment      |
| Initiate independent dispute resolution process following failed open negotiation                                       | 4 business days, starting the business day after the open negotiation period ends            |
| Mutual agreement on certified independent dispute resolution entity selection   | 3 business days after the independent dispute resolution initiation date                     |
| Departments select certified independent dispute resolution entity in the case of no conflict-free selection by parties | 6 business days after the independent dispute resolution initiation date                     |
| Submit payment offers and additional information to certified independent dispute resolution entity                     | 10 business days after the date of certified independent dispute resolution entity selection |
| Payment determination made  | 30 business days after the date of certified independent dispute resolution entity selection |
| Payment submitted to the applicable party   | 30 business days after the payment determination   |