

**DRAFTER'S NOTE
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Our Drafting Manual advises us to try not to refer to an administrative rule in the statutes because code references can easily become, and remain, inaccurate. That admonition, however, does not apply when it is not practicable not to make a code reference. Accordingly, this redraft includes includes a cross-reference to s. DWD 80.43 (2), as requested.

The redraft also refers to a governmental unit that *receives* reimbursement, thereby clarifying that DHS first receives reimbursement, then pays the 20 percent fee to the claimant's attorney.

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