

DRP Working Group Recommendations

Amnesty Program

- Applies only to those who have been in a default/suspended status for at least six months. Should apply to all surcharges.
- Can provide “debt consolidation” where the customer pays a percentage of the total amount to be assessed or can be a set dollar amount that will cover the total amount to be assessed.
- Will apply to subsequent surcharges for existing offenses.
- Does not apply to future surcharges for new offenses.
- Limit Amnesty to once every two/three years, to prevent repeating the same offense with the anticipation of receiving an Amnesty reduction later.
- Implement Amnesty after Incentive, to prevent customers currently in compliance from choosing to default.
- The reduction amount can be made available as part of the online and IVR account status and would provide the “pay by” date.
- If not paid by the end of the Amnesty period, reduction voided with payments applied from oldest to newest account(s).

Incentive Program

- Incentive reductions available before Amnesty reductions will encourage continued compliance by those already complying. Should apply to all surcharges.
- Applies to those who do not receive subsequent convictions for which a surcharge can be assessed.
- Could offer payment of 60% to 70% within a 24 or 30-month period, then the remaining amount would be waived.
- Could revise existing program to provide if first year paid in full; second year reduced by 50%; third year reduced by 75%. Percentages will be researched further.

Indigency Program

- Applies to those living at or below poverty level. Should apply to all surcharges.
- Definition can be based on poverty level and/or debt-to-income ratio. For poverty level, 125% is consistent with court indigency level. Debt-to-income ratio formulas will be researched further.
- Can provide “debt consolidation” where the customer pays a percentage of the total amount to be assessed or can be a set dollar amount that will cover the total amount to be assessed.
- Will apply to subsequent surcharges for the existing offenses.
- Does not automatically apply to future surcharges for new offenses.
- Application will include a sworn affidavit of income(s) and expenditures; no supporting documents required.
- Applications should be available online, in DL offices, and courts.
- Will allow payment of the reduced amount over a 180-day period with no minimum amounts due.
- Will lift suspension for the 180-day payment period.
- If the customer defaults on the payment, the reduced amount still applies but suspension will be reinstated until paid in full.
- If a new offense is received and surcharge is assessed, a new application must be submitted.

If payments have been made prior to approval for a reduced amount, the customer will pay only the difference. If prior payments are more than the reduced amount, the overpayment won't be refunded.

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