

Chapter: General Financial Provisions
Rule: Claim Settlements

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ACA Standard(s):

(a) **Policy.**

The Texas Youth Commission may enter into an agreement for the settlement of claims and lawsuits filed against the agency. The agency submits a proposed settlement to the Office of the Attorney General before any final offer of settlement in a filed lawsuit is made. Staff authority to propose and submit settlements is based on the amount of the claim or lawsuit to be settled.

(b) **Rules.**

- (1) Settlement offers may be authorized by the staff designated below unless the executive director intercedes to redirect authorization to the TYC board or to himself/herself.
 - (A) Amounts up to \$2,500.00 - the general counsel or the director of legal services.
 - (B) Amounts between \$2,500.00 and \$50,000.00 - the general counsel with the written approval of the executive director.
 - (C) Amounts in excess of \$50,000.00 - the executive director with the written approval of the TYC board or a designated member of the board.
 - (2) Proposed settlements are submitted to the Office of the Attorney General prior to the settlement offer being made.
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