

## The Bankruptcy Administration Improvement Act

The Bankruptcy Administration Improvement Act (BAIA) was enacted on January 12, 2021. (Pub. L. No. 116-325). The BAIA amends [11 U.S.C. §330](#) to include a new subsection (e) that establishes a new payment for eligible chapter 7 trustees in applicable chapter 7 cases filed on or after January 12, 2021 through September 30, 2026, to be paid in addition to the existing payment prescribed by subsection (b).

The [Interim Regulations for Trustee Payments Under 11 U.S.C. § 330\(e\)](#) require that the chapter 7 trustee file a certification with the court that the trustee has rendered service and is eligible to receive the section 330(e) payments. New [dictionary events](#) were created for a chapter 7 trustee to certify eligibility to receive the section 330(e) payment for each applicable case and are available for use.

The two new events for use by Chapter 7 Trustees in CM/ECF to make a claim for payment under 11 U.S.C. §330 (e) are:

- 1. Trustee Services Rendered Pursuant to §330(e)**  
Used by Chapter 7 Trustees to certify that they are eligible to receive payment
- 2. Withdrawal of Trustee Services Rendered**  
Used by Chapter 7 Trustees to withdraw the entry of Trustee Services Rendered Pursuant to §330(e)

**Fiscal Year 2021 (1/12/21- 9/30/21)** Chapter 7 Trustees should review all assigned cases filed on or after 1/12/2021 through 9/30/2021 (including any cases originally filed as a Chapter 11, 12 or 13 and converted to a Chapter 7 through September 30, 2021) and use the Trustee Services Rendered Pursuant to §330(e) event to certify cases eligible for payment.

Chapter 7 trustees are required to use these events to complete their certification and receive payment. Only one certification may be filed per case. The CM/ECF public release notes (located on [PACER](#)) related to these events are available to the chapter 7 trustees for guidance on filing these events. The Interim Regulations are also available publicly and provide a blueprint for filing these certifications of payment eligibility.

The new section 330(e) payments for cases filed or converted during fiscal year 2021 will likely commence no earlier than the second quarter of 2022. The judiciary will post an annual notice that payments can commence for the prior fiscal year on [uscourts.gov](#).