

- 4.4.13.3. Only services provided by a Certified Public Accountant, an enrolled agent or an individual with an IRS Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN), or under their direct supervision, are eligible for reimbursement. While registration and licensing requirements vary by state, any retained professional must have all required state professional licenses and be active and held in good standing by those state regulatory bodies.
- 4.4.13.4. Retained professionals must verify that to the best of their knowledge they have submitted information provided to them by the claimant on a consistent basis and have not ignored the implications of information known or reasonably suspected to be untrue, incomplete, inconsistent or inaccurate.
- 4.4.13.5. Reimbursement will be limited to the accounting services necessary to complete the claim form or prepare documentation.
- 4.4.13.6. All reasonable and necessary hours will be reimbursed up to the following standard hourly rates. Review and supervision hours may not exceed 25% of total time spent.

	Individual Claim	Business Claim
Preparation	\$85	\$110
Supervision & Review	\$130	\$160

- 4.4.13.7. **INDIVIDUAL CLAIMANTS** shall be reimbursed for accounting fees based on actual fees incurred. The total fee may not exceed 2% of the total Economic Damage Compensation Amount (excluding **RTP**) for individual Claims over \$10,000 with all other Claims limited to \$200. All Claims (regardless of final Claim amount) will be subject to an overall accounting support reimbursement limit of \$6,000.

- 4.4.13.8. **BUSINESS CLAIMANTS** shall be reimbursed for accounting fees based on actual fees incurred. The total fee may not exceed 2% of the total Economic Damage Compensation Amount (excluding RTP) for business Claims over \$50,000 with all other Claims limited to \$1000. All Claims (regardless of final Claim amount) will be subject to an overall accounting support reimbursement limit of \$50,000.
- 4.4.13.9. Reimbursement requests must be itemized by date and person, and will specify the work being performed on behalf of the Claimant.
- 4.4.13.10. The Settlement Program shall have the right to request and review any work papers (whether historical or specific to the Claim), time sheets or other supporting documentation related to the Claim or request for accounting support reimbursement and the reasonableness of the fees pursuant to Section 4.4.13.5.
- 4.4.13.11. Accounting support reimbursement will not be included in the base compensation, including for purposes of applying any RTP, but shall be paid over and above any compensation due under the Agreement.
- 4.4.14. The Claimant may request and receive reasonable access to his, her, or its Settlement Program and/or Transition Process Claim File and supporting information, but only after issuance of a Final Determination of the Claim in part or in whole. Access by a Claimant to his, her, or its GCCF Claim File may be granted at the discretion of the Settlement Program Administrator. Claimants shall be provided reasonable access to all materials submitted by or on behalf of such Claimant to the GCCF, Transition Process, and/or Settlement Program. BP and Class Counsel shall have access to all Claim Files and Claims-related data transferred to or generated in the Settlement Program for any legitimate purpose including, without limitation, the operation of BP's separate OPA facility, prosecuting and defending appeals, reviewing and auditing the Settlement Program, reporting financial results, and pursuing indemnification, contribution, subrogation, insurance and other