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Today, Legal Aid Ontario announced further emergency temporary changes to their billing and certificate coverage in order to address the continuing challenges of the COVID pandemic.

In brief, below are changes:

- Extending billing deadlines when submitted late as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, billing deadlines will be extended for accounts due between March 16, 2020 and September 30, 2020
- Expanding the criteria for exceptional circumstances for discretionary payments beyond the applicable tariff to include additional work that was required as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Treating teleconference and video appearances as physical appearances for the purposes of LAO billing rules
- Allowing lawyers to bill a criminal law certificate as a block fee, or by the hourly tariff
- Further information for Temporary Absence Permit certificate coverage including early release remedies at federal institutions

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