

Post-Decision Inquiry (PDI) Qualifications

Per the various arbitration Agreements, a decision by an arbitrator is, “final and binding without the right to rehearing or appeal.”

When not to submit a PDI	
Disagreeing with the decision regarding liability or damages	The arbitrator did not comment on specific evidence
Wanting further explanation	Disagreeing with a decision based on the belief that the arbitrator misunderstood the facts or misread the evidence
Failing to submit specific evidence or attaching the evidence to the wrong location (i.e., Counter Claim Response section)	Failing to raise an exclusion in the filing other than policy limits or denial of coverage
Not raising Prior Payments in the Prior Payment field	Prior Payments not supporting cashed, cleared, or paid at the time of evidence submission/filing

Rule 4-2

PDI's must be submitted within 30 days from the published decision date. It is Arbitration Forums, Inc. (AF)'s sole discretion whether there was a correctable error made by the arbitrator or AF. Please see the [AF Rules](#) for further explanation.

Below are examples of clerical and jurisdictional errors:

- **Clerical Error** – A mistake made by AF staff or the arbitrator(s). Examples of AF staff error include not providing proper notice of filing or not assigning a requested three-person panel.
- **Jurisdictional Error** – Occurs when an arbitrator fails to rule on an Affirmative Defense/Exclusion; asserts an Affirmative Defense/Exclusion was not pled by a party; renders a decision on an issue not in dispute or over which arbitration lacks jurisdiction; or improperly dismisses a case for lack of jurisdiction where jurisdiction exists.

Rule 3-9

When there is a policy limits issue or a coverage of denial that was not raised in the filing, members have 60 days from the date of the published decision to raise and support it. Please see the [AF Rules](#) for further explanation.

Arbitrator Errors	
Mathematical errors	Switching the parties when recording the liability decision
Referencing the lack of evidence that was listed in the filing	Applying a state regulation or statute from a state other than the loss state
Misapplying an AF Rule or procedure	