

Waiting for Lodging

This claim gets more common when traffic levels get higher and number of crews that are tying up at the AFHT climbs above the number of rooms allotted in the lodging contract. In order for this claim to be successful the member has to call CMS and adjust their rest to when they are finally issued a room.

It's important to provide the member's work history showing the initial tie up time and the adjustment to when they were finally given a room as evidence.

An example appeal would be:

"It is the position of the Organization that this claim is supported by the schedule rules and should be paid accordingly. While working an assignment in the (Board ID) pool, the Claimant was forced to wait for lodging at the away from home terminal for (Amount of time). The Claimant contacted the primary lodging facility and was told he would have to wait for a room to be prepared for him. The Claimant then contacted CMS and notified them of this wait and had them adjust his rest to account for this wait. This time is excessive and this issue is unacceptable in terms of safety. Claim is premised on Article II, section 1 of the 1964 National Agreement and First division board award number 27585."

Note: this claim only becomes valid after a minimum hour wait for a room.