***Important Open Negotiation and Independent Dispute Resolution Deadlines***

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| **Independent Dispute Resolution Action** | **Timeline** |
| Initiate 30-business-day open negotiation period | 30 business days, starting on the day of initial payment or notice of denial of payment |
| Initiate independent dispute resolution process following failed open negotiation | 4 business days, starting the business day after the open negotiation period ends |
| Mutual agreement on certified independent dispute resolution entity selection | 3 business days after the independent dispute resolution initiation date |
| Departments select certified independent dispute resolution entity in the case of no conflict-free selection by parties | 6 business days after the independent dispute resolution initiation date |
| Submit payment offers and additional information to certified independent dispute resolution entity | 10 business days after the date of certified independent dispute resolution entity selection |
| Payment determination made | 30 business days after the date of certified independent dispute resolution entity selection |
| Payment submitted to the applicable party | 30 business days after the payment determination |