



February 14, 2019

Greetings!

The Department of Crime Victim Compensation would like to wish all of you a prosperous New Year and a Happy Valentine's Day! I have a few important items to bring to your attention:

- ❖ DCVC has made revisions to the Sexual Assault Protocol Billing Claim form. As a result, some prices increased while a few others decreased

Effective immediately, please begin using the sexual assault forms attached to this EBLAST! and discard all old forms

- ❖ Did you know that even if a victim elects not to have the rape exam, your hospital may still submit the Protocol for the services provided at the ED? This process is known as "No Evidence Kit Collected" (NKC)

The **NKC box** is located at the top of the second page of the Medical Examination Release Protocol. Please check the NKC box when the full rape exam is not performed

The **SANE** will offer the medical forensic exam without evidence collection and will follow the same procedures including a thorough examination of the victim within the set time parameters which are 72 – 120 hours post assault

This will cover the victims' expenses even though she/he declined the rape kit

- ❖ I hope you are finding the EBLAST! helpful. The next EBLAST! will be coming in April

NO VICTIM IN SOUTH CAROLINA SHOULD EVER BE BILLED FOR A RAPE EXAM, NOR SHOULD THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE.

ALSO, NEVER SEND A RAPE VICTIM'S ACCOUNT TO COLLECTIONS. Please call or email RBrockman@scag.gov for questions or concerns, regarding any billing issues.

Note: Please forward this email to anyone you believe should be a recipient of the EBLAST! Or send us the email of someone who should receive the EBLAST! So we can add them to the list; Let us know if you do not want to receive the EBLAST!

Sincerely,

Ruth Brockman,
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