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Greetings!

      We are revisiting the Department of Crime Victim Compensation **"Anonymous Waiver Reporting"** policy this month. On August 13th, 2015, DCVC Advisory Board enacted the Anonymous Waiver Reporting protocol for adult victims of a sexual assault, to receive benefits under the Crime Victim Compensation Program. As a result, in addition to the payment of all costs related to a forensic exam, an anonymous victim can have the same compensation benefits as a victim who chooses to report. <u>This means a victim may receive reimbursement for the following: counseling, medical & dentals costs, lost wages, & approved mileage</u>.

      DCVC will consider all compensable expenses for Anonymous Waiver Reporting for an adult victim based on the following eligibility requirements:

- The incident on which the claim is based occurred in South Carolina

- The victim must be 18 years of age or above

- DCVC has an eligible Anonymous Sexual Assault Protocol claim

- The Compensation Application must have been received within 180 days from the date of the forensic medical examination with "Anonymous" written in section four of the application

- Physical injuries were recorded by hospital staff at the time of the forensic medical exam and documented on the second page of the Protocol

- The victim sustained physical or psychological injuries due to the sexual assault

PLEASE NOTE: UNDER THE COMPENSATION PROGRAM, AN ANONYMOUS REPORTING VICTIMS INSURANCE MAYBE WAIVED TO PROTECT THE VICTIM'S ANONYMITY.

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.

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Sincerely,

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