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. This means a victim may receive reimbursement for the following: counseling, medical & dentals costs, lost wages, & approved mileage.

**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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