

# Child Physical Abuse Forensic Examination (CPAFE) Program

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The mission of the Missouri Department of Public Safety is to protect life and property by providing services to all Missourians in cooperation with citizens, public safety agencies, and other public and private entities. Through partnerships, professionalism, and adherence to core values, DPS strives to provide a safe and secure Missouri for all citizens and visitors.

## ELIGIBILITY

The **Child Physical Abuse Forensic Examination (CPAFE) Program** provides reimbursement to SAFE-CARE providers for either performing a forensic examination to collect and preserve evidence or to provide a case review of previously gathered photographs, medical records, or investigative information provided by a multi-disciplinary team on children under 18 years of age who have been a victim of physical abuse in Missouri.

The professional fee of the SAFE-CARE provider for performing the forensic exam or case review should be billed to the CPAFE Program within **90 days** of the forensic exam or the case review.

**NOTE:** Per 11 CSR 30-12.020 (8), the SAFE-CARE professional fee **may not** be billed to other payment resources, such as the patient's parent or guardian, health insurance, Medicaid or Medicare.

## ALLOWABLE COSTS

The CPAFE Program provides reimbursement of the professional fee to SAFE-CARE providers for performing a forensic examination or a case review. See Unallowable Costs on page 2 for a list of costs not reimbursable through the CPAFE Program.

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

A claim for reimbursement of the forensic exam or case review **must** include the following two documents:



### A CPAFE claim form—

- Available at <https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cpafe/>
- Should be completed at the time of the forensic exam or the case review.
- Requires signatures —
  - 1) For consent of the forensic exam by the patient, parent, guardian or requesting agency, and either
  - 2) the signature of the SAFE-CARE provider who performed the forensic exam or
  - 3) the signature of the SAFE-CARE provider who provided the case review



### An itemized billing statement—

- The billing invoice must include the patient information, diagnosis codes, date of service, a description of the service provided and itemized charges, including current CPT codes.

## COMMON BILLING CODES

For billing purposes, the most common diagnosis codes are:

T74.92XA	Unspecified child maltreatment, confirmed
T76.92XA	Unspecified child maltreatment, suspected
T74.12XA	Child physical abuse, confirmed
T76.12XA	Child physical abuse, suspected
T74.4XXA	Shaken infant syndrome

## UNALLOWABLE COSTS

Other charges incurred for medical procedures, facility fees, supplies or laboratory/radiology tests, court preparation or court testimony are not reimbursable through the CPAFE Program.

The patient may incur medical treatment costs or require counseling as a result of the violent crime. The patient's parent or guardian should be referred to the **Crime Victims' Compensation (CVC) Program** at **1-800-347-6881**.

## CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The CVC Program financially assists people who have sustained physical, emotional, or mental harm or trauma resulting from violent crime occurring in Missouri. If the eligibility requirements are met, potential benefits may include costs associated with the patient's crime-related medical, dental, and counseling treatment. If the victim was gainfully employed at the time of the crime, they may also be eligible for lost wages. If a victim was killed as a direct result of the crime, CVC may also help the victim's family members by assisting with the cost of funeral and burial expenses as well as loss of support to the victim's dependents if the victim was gainfully employed at the time of the crime.

To be eligible for assistance with CVC, the crime must be reported to the proper authorities. In addition to law enforcement, in the case of a sexual offense, filing a report of the offense to the proper authorities may include, but not be limited to, the filing of the report of the forensic examination by the appropriate medical provider with the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the alleged incident occurred, receiving a forensic examination, or securing an order of protection.

Eligibility through the CVC Program is not guaranteed and cannot be determined until a completed application is submitted for review and the Program has completed a thorough assessment of the crime and expenses for which compensation is being sought.

For more information about the CPAFE or CVC Programs, please visit the **Crime Victims' Compensation (CVC) Program** website, call **573-526-6006** or **1-800-347-6881** or email [cvc@dps.mo.gov](mailto:cvc@dps.mo.gov).