

A Navigation Guide for Hospitals



The Missouri Department of Public Safety
OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME

Crime Victims' Compensation Program
Sexual Assault and Child Physical Abuse Forensic Exam Programs



Crime Victims' Compensation (CVC)

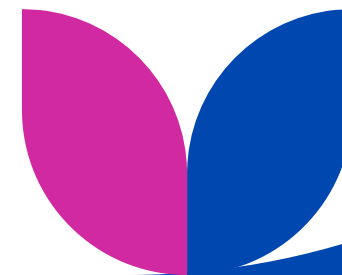
An application program for victims



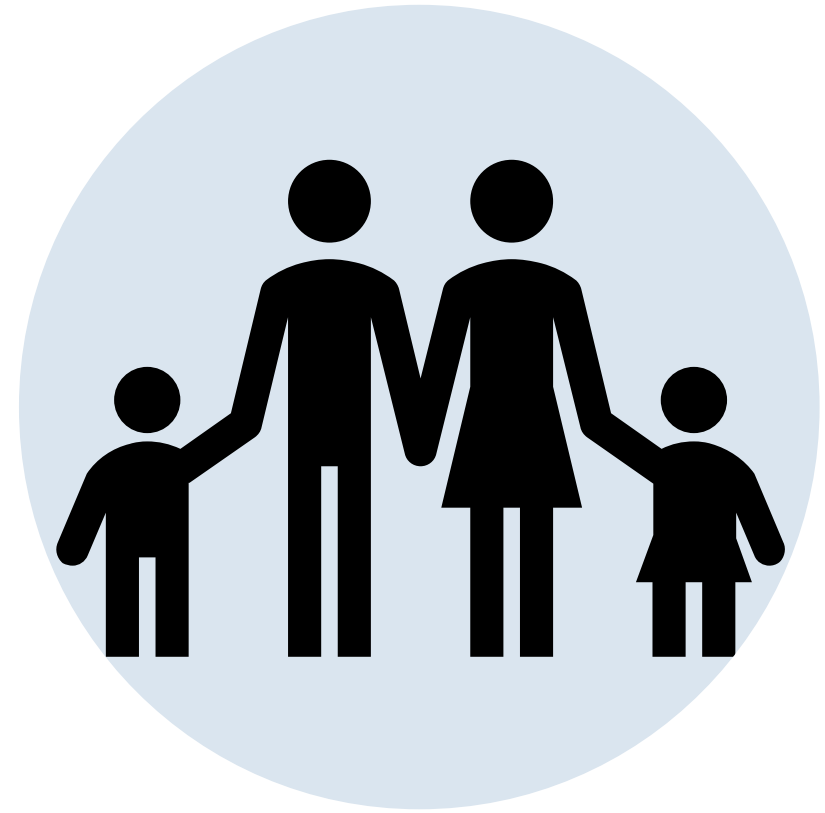
THESE PROGRAMS ARE NOT THE SAME

Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Program (SAFE)
Child Physical Abuse Forensic Examination Program (CPAFE)

Reimbursement programs for providers



Who can apply for CVC?



**Any person injured due
to a violent crime.**



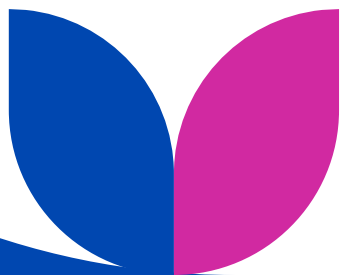
**Who can request
reimbursement from
SAFE or CPAFE?**



Hospitals

Child Advocacy Centers

Medical Professionals

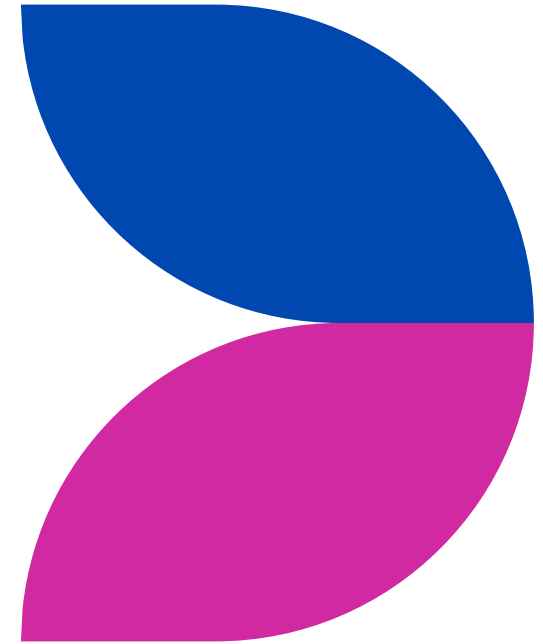


The Hospital's Role in the CVC Application Process

- Ensure victims of violent crime are provided with a brochure about Crime Victims' Compensation.
- Hospital staff should not complete the CVC application on behalf of the victim.
- Hospital staff should not sign the CVC application for the victim.
- If victim completes application on-site, ensure the victim affixes their own signature to the application.

Why? We are just helping!

- The application is personal, requires the victim's signature and authorizes CVC to contact them.
- If completed and signed by hospital staff, the application will be denied.
- It is the victim's choice to apply.

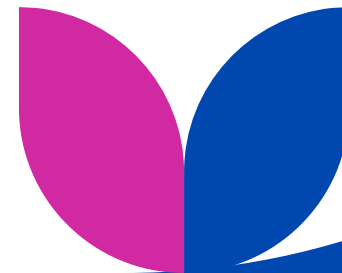


CVC is a payer of last resort for crime-related medical expenses.

- Any insurance available to the patient, such as health insurance, Medicaid or Medicare is primary.
- The hospital should not bill CVC directly.
- The victim/patient may include their itemized bill with their CVC application.
- Only one CVC application is needed. Crime-related bills may be submitted by the victim/patient at any time.
- If the victim's CVC application is approved, charges applied to co-pays and deductibles are eligible.

The SAFE Program is the primary payer for forensic exam expenses.

- Service providers are responsible for submitting claims for reimbursement directly to the SAFE Program within 90 days of the patient's forensic exam.
- Forensic exam charges not paid by the SAFE Program may be billed to the patient's insurance.
- The patient **MUST NOT** be billed for any forensic exam charges.
- The patient may be billed for medical treatment of any injuries.
- The patient may be eligible for benefits from CVC. Service providers are encouraged to notify the patient about how to contact CVC.
- CVC is separate and apart from SAFE.



SAFE Examination Charges

Forensic exam charges should be clearly and distinctly separated from medical charges on any billing statement submitted to the SAFE Program.

Per Missouri statute, victim/patients receiving a forensic exam to gather evidence of a sexual assault should not be billed for any forensic exam charges.

What to Bill Patient's Health Care

Forensic exam charges may be billed to the patient's health insurance, but their health insurance is **secondary**.

The patient's health insurance is **primary** for charges resulting from **medical treatment** of injuries sustained during the sexual assault.

What May Be Billed to Patient

The patient may **ONLY** be billed for medical treatment charges not covered by their health insurance.

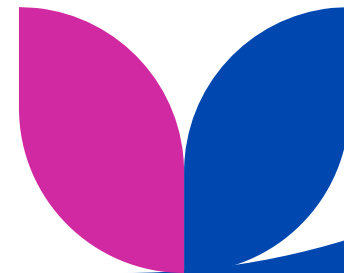
SAFE Program - Eligible Forensic Lab Tests

Adults (age 14+ years)

Drug screen tests
Only if suspected to be drug-facilitated
Must be indicated on checklist

Children (age 0-13 years)

STD, HIV, pregnancy & drug screen tests



Drug Screen Tests for Adults (age 14+ years)



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SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINATION (SAFE) PROGRAM CHECKLIST *(revised 07-2023)*

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND ACCOMPANY THE SAFE REIMBURSEMENT CLAIM FORM

Professional Services *(check all that apply)*

Forensic examination service provided by:

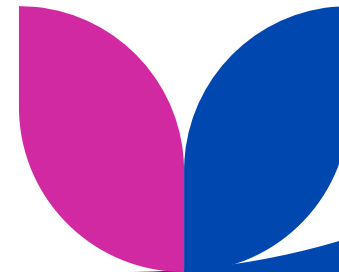
- Physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse
- Forensically trained SAFE-CARE Provider
- Appropriate medical provider such as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) and/or with the assistance of a
- SAFE Tele-SANE Provider

Brief summary of the sexual assault: *(collected to help expedite processing)*

- Suspected drug-facilitated assault? No Yes *If yes,*
- Consent obtained for drug screening
 - Collected urine
 - Collected blood



THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED FOR REIMBURSEMENT



CLAIM FORMS AVAILABLE AT

dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cvc/forms

The completed SAFE form and itemized bill must be submitted within 90 days of the patient's forensic exam.

Submit claim and bill as a .pdf document to:
SAFE-CPAFE@dps.mo.gov



Thank you!

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