

SOVA

Anonymous Reporting Claim Processing Guidelines

Crime Victim Compensation for Adult Victims of Sexual Assault “Waiver of Law Enforcement Reporting and Cooperation Requirements”

REQUIRED APPROVAL OR EXCEPTIONS:

Hospital Records (from SOVA’s SAP/CAP Program) will be used to establish the jurisdiction and reporting of the incident and requirements for cooperation with law enforcement.

POLICY GUIDELINES: Pursuant to the Crime Victim Advisory Board’s enactment of this policy for the purpose of determining eligibility to receive crime victim compensation awards, adult sexual assault victims who exercise their legal option under South Carolina law to make an anonymous report following a forensic medical examination, can submit a crime victim compensation application to help with compensable expenses directly resulting from the incident.

PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES: For incidents that occurred on or after August 13, 2015 (Pursuant to SOVA Crime Victim Advisory Board),

SOVA will consider all compensable expenses relating to the injury sustained upon which the claim is based for anonymous reporting of an adult sexual assault crime victim, provided that:

- a. A forensic evidence collection exam was performed in the same manner and completeness (as if the crime was reported to law enforcement) as with a traditional law enforcement involved adult sexual assault forensic evidence collection exam,
- b. An eligible SAP/CAP claim is on file with SOVA, and
- c. SOVA receives a Crime Victim Compensation Application.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR THIS CLAIM TYPE:

- a. The victim sustained physical or psychological injuries,
- b. The physical injuries were recorded in hospital medical records at the time of the forensic medical examination,
- c. The victim incurred or will incur a financial obligation for the treatment,
- d. The incident on which the claim is based occurred in South Carolina,
- e. SOVA has an eligible SAP/CAP claim on file,
- f. On the SAP/CAP release form, the word “ANONYMOUS” is written instead of the name of the law enforcement agency,
- g. The victim compensation application was filed within 180 days from the date of the forensic medical examination.

DENIAL FOR THIS CLAIM TYPE:

This claim type will be denied if:

- The crime did not happen in SC
- The victim compensation application was not submitted within 180 days from the date of the forensic medical examination
- SOVA does not have an eligible SAP/CAP claim in the system