

## Support and Advocacy Provided

- Walk-in and Telephone Assessment and Assistance
- Assistance in Filing the Compensation Application
- Referrals Provided
- Case Status Updates Provided
- Thorough Application Review
- Support and Advocacy

## Common Reasons a Claim May Be Delayed

- No Valid Law Enforcement Incident Report
- Victims' name not on the Incident Report
- Case still under Investigation
- 48 hours waiver not addressed
- 180 day waiver not addressed
- No funeral/burial bill or information
- Victim Not cooperating with law enforcement or DCVC

*Please note: list above is not exhaustive*

### **Ineligible Claims:**

All victims/claimants whose claims are determined to be ineligible are notified of their rights to appeal. Those who choose to appeal have 30 days to return the Appeal Application and supporting documentation. Call DCVC for more information.



## Four VOCA Compensation Requirements

Under the Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), victim advocates must ensure crime victims of the following regarding crime victim compensation:

- (1) Notify crime victims of the availability of compensation
- (2) Assist crime victims with DCVC application forms and procedure
- (3) Assist crime victims in obtaining necessary documentation to complete their DCVC claim
- (4) Assist crime victims in checking on DCVC claim status

*Office of the Attorney General  
Department of Crime Victim Compensation  
(DCVC)*

## DCVC



If you have questions about the program, benefits, services, eligibility criteria and or payment requirement, please contact (DCVC) at 803.734.1900.

# DCVC

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Victim Compensation*



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## What is Crime Victim Compensation?

The South Carolina Crime Victims' Compensation Fund is a financial assistance program designed to help victims with expenses directly resulting from a crime, and not covered by other payment sources. The Fund is administered by the Department of Crime Victim Compensation (DCVC), and is governed by state and federal laws.

## Eligibility Criteria

- The crime must occur in South Carolina
- The victim must sustain direct injury - (Physical or Psychological)
- South Carolina law requires DCVC to consider contributory or illegal behavior when making eligibility determinations
- The victim/claimant must cooperate with DCVC and Law Enforcement
- The crime must be reported within 48 hours (May be waived for good cause)
- The claim must be filed within 180 days (May be waived for good cause)
- The claim must be filed within 4 years of the incident. This requirement may be waived and extended in cases involving criminal sexual conduct of a minor.

## Services DCVC May Consider For Payment

- Medical
- Dental or Orthodontic Services
- Lost Wages
- Loss of Support
- Counseling (licensed therapist)
- Burial/Funeral Expenses (max. applies)
- Mileage for medical and or psychological treatment only (min. 5 miles one way)
- Doctor ordered medicine, equipment, supplies

Note the following regarding payment consideration:

- All services and treatments must be directly related to the crime
- Pre-existing services and treatments will not be considered
- There is a combined max up to \$15,000
- Valid supporting documentation is required
- DCVC is the payer of last resort (Victims' private/public insurance must be used first. DCVC can pay deductibles and co-pays if otherwise eligible)

## What DCVC Does Not Consider For Payment

- Property Damage
- Property Loss or Replacement
- Crime Scene Cleanup
- Items Taken as Evidence
- Expenses Related To Court Attendance
- Pain and Suffering
- Utilities
- Mortgage/Rent

Some of these costs may be covered by other sources

## Types of Crimes DCVC May Consider For Eligibility and Payment

- Domestic Violence
- Assault and Battery
- Homicide
- Criminal Sexual Assault
- Stalking
- Harassment
- Leaving the Scene of an Accident/Hit and Run
- DUI/Felony DUI (Bodily Injury or Death)
- Reckless Driving/Reckless Homicide
- Other Violent Crimes

Note the following regarding payment consideration:

- A claim is required for the direct victim before claims can be considered for other family members
- A Law Enforcement Incident Report is required and victim's name must be listed on the report
- Please call DCVC or contact your local victim advocate to inquire about services that may be available for other family members and valid supporting documentation that is required by DCVC to consider in processing the claim