



Sexual Assault Counseling Claims and The Victims Compensation Assistance Program

The Commonwealth's Victims Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP) is committed to helping victims and their families ease the financial burden crime imposes upon them. The Sexual Assault Counseling Claim (SACC) is for a victim who was sexually assaulted and did not report or does not want to report the crime to authorities; or a victim who was sexually assaulted who does not meet the eligibility requirements to file a standard claim.

What to know about SACC's:

- Only counseling expenses can be considered on these claims for the direct victim.
- Only counseling expenses on or after 11/26/2019 can be considered.
- Only counseling expenses owed to the provider may be reimbursed. If the victim/claimant paid out of pocket, arrangements would need to be made with the provider for the provider to reimburse the claimant so that VCAP could make payment to the provider.
- Counseling expenses can be considered when it is performed by, or under the supervisor of a psychiatrist, psychologist, licensed professional counselor or licensed social worker.
- An adult victim is eligible for up to \$5,000 in expenses.
- A minor victim is eligible for up to \$10,000 in expenses.

To be considered for reimbursement for counseling, the following will need to be provided:

- Bills in the name of the victim/claimant must include the name and address of the provider, the date of service, the type of service provided, and the amount charged for each service.
- If expenses were covered by medical insurance, documentation from the insurance company must be submitted showing what insurance covered and any remaining balance. If the provider is out of network, the Program will need an explanation why an in-network provider was not used.

**A verification form will be sent to the provider to verify the percentage that is crime related.

The payment process:

- All required documentation must be received before any payments can be processed. The sooner VCAP receives the requested information, the sooner any payments can be made by VCAP.
- VCAP will send payment directly to the provider. Payments owed to the provider are released from the PA Department of Treasury within 2-4 weeks of being approved.

If you have any questions regarding eligibility or additional services, please contact VCAP.

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