

VICTIM COMPENSATION PROGRAM BENEFITS

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Available Benefits/Description	Requirements	Who may receive benefits
<p>Medical Expenses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital, doctor, cosmetic, and dental fees; co-pays and other medical related expenses, such as physical therapy, ambulance, prescription expenses, medical equipment, eyeglasses, dentures, and supplies • Modifications to a home or vehicle, such as ramps, handrails, showers, vehicle hand and foot controls, lifts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The expense must be related to the crime. • The bills must be sent to the financial sources available to you for payment first, such as health insurance, before the Victim Compensation Program can consider the bills. The Victim Compensation Program cannot consider bills that were denied for payment because of late filing. • Providers must be licensed and include doctors, nurses, dentists, optometrists, podiatrists, or surgeons. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A victim who suffered a physical injury, a child who witnessed domestic violence OR a victim who suffered emotional injury from a threat of either physical injury or death. • As defined by state law, relatives of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and homicide victims. • Providers may be paid directly for services.
<p>Mental Health Expenses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health therapy including individual, family, group, medication management, music therapy, art therapy, horse assisted therapy, psychotherapy, tutoring, personal trainer, gym membership, and summer camp prescribed by a licensed medical or mental health professional; prescription expenses; and co-pays for any of the above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The expense must be related to the crime. • The bills must be sent to the financial sources available to you for payment first, such as health insurance, before the Victim Compensation Program can consider the bills. The Victim Compensation Program cannot consider bills that were denied for payment because of late filing. • Providers must be licensed and include counselors, therapists, clinical social workers, psychiatrists, or psychologists. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A victim who suffered a physical injury, a child who witnessed domestic violence, OR a victim who suffered emotional injury from a threat of either physical injury or death • As defined by state law, relatives of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and homicide victims or the legal designated decision maker of a homicide victim • Providers may be paid directly for services.
<p>Lost Wages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only taxable income may be considered for victims or claimants who are employed or self-employed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only wage loss that is not covered by financial sources, such as disability insurance and Workers' Compensation may be considered. • If requesting wages for more than 1 week, a note from a licensed provider stating it was medically necessary to be out of work must be provided. Your employer will be contacted for salary and benefit information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A victim who suffered a physical injury • A person who provides medically necessary care to a victim • A parent or a legal guardian of a deceased victim
<p>Loss of Support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any compensation awarded to minor financial dependents will be held until the dependent reaches the age of 18. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A spouse, financial dependents, and the legal designated decision maker of a homicide victim
<p>Lost Wages and Travel Expenses to Attend Adult and Juvenile Court Proceedings and Psychiatric Security Review Board and Board of Pardons and Paroles Hearings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mileage, airfare, parking, hotel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lost wages and travel expenses must be related to attending a hearing or a proceeding for the crime. • Receipts for travel expenses are required (hotel bill, parking). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A victim who suffered a physical injury • As defined by state law, relatives of a homicide victim or a victim who suffered a physical injury
<p>Crime Scene Clean-up and Security Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs for replacement or repair of damaged locks, doors, and windows; clothes and bedding held as evidence; biohazard clean-up; and the cost and installation of security systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum benefit amount is \$1,000. • The bills must be sent to the financial sources available to you for payment first, such as homeowners or renters insurance, before the Victim Compensation Program can consider the bills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A victim who suffered a physical injury OR a victim who suffered emotional injury from a threat of either physical injury or death • Anyone who paid some or all of the expenses • Providers may be paid directly for services.
<p>Funeral and Burial Expenses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funeral services, plot, headstone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum benefit amount is \$6,000. • If an estate has been opened, the claimant must apply to the estate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The victim's estate • Anyone who paid some or all of the expenses and an estate has not been opened • Providers may be paid directly for services.