

STATE OF MONTANA
Department of Justice
FORENSIC RAPE EXAMINATION PAYMENT PROGRAM

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ADVISORY MEMORANDUM

TO: EMERGENCY ROOM STAFF

FROM: HOLLEY JOHNSON, OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES

RE: FORENSIC RAPE EXAMINATION PAYMENT PROGRAM (FREPP)

DATE: JULY 1, 2005

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

The Office of Victim Services (OVS) is pleased to announce the implementation of the Forensic Rape Exam Payment Program (FREPP) effective July 1, 2005. **FREPP provides direct payment to healthcare providers for forensic rape examinations for victims who have an exam within 72 hours of the crime and who choose NOT to report the crime to law enforcement.**

FREPP will pay the cost of a sexual assault examination to a maximum of \$600. Covered costs include complete and customary sexual assault examination, emergency room/facility charge, physician/nurse examiner charge, STD and pregnancy prophylaxis, blood and urine specimens for toxicology testing, supplies, laboratory testing, pharmaceuticals and mailing. A sexual assault victim cannot be billed for costs, fees, or charges associated with the forensic rape examination and may decline to use their private insurance or any other payment sources including Medicaid or Medicare. Medical services rendered as a result of physical injuries incurred at the time of the sexual assault may be billed to the victim.

Prior to August 15, 2005, FREPP will provide state approved forensic rape examination kits and Reimbursement Claim Forms to all healthcare providers.

Completed Sex Crime Evidence Collection Kits must be mailed overnight directly to FREPP, Office of Victim Services, 2225 11th Avenue, Helena, MT 59601 as soon as possible after the examination. Healthcare providers are to submit a Reimbursement Claim Form, Patient Information Form, itemized charges (HCFA) and a copy of the corresponding medical records and related notes to FREPP, 2225 11th Avenue, Helena, MT 59601 for payment.

Attached is a copy of answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ) and the Claim Form healthcare providers must use to apply to FREPP. These documents will be available after July 31st, 2005 on the OVS website <http://www.doj.mt.gov/victims/victimservices.asp>. Please contact me at 406-444-3653 or hjohnson@mt.gov if you have any other questions or need additional information.