



VIRGINIA VICTIMS FUND

Helping Innocent Victims of Crime

OFFICIALLY CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND

SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINATION (SAFE) Payment Program Review

FY2022

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022



A division of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission

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MISSION



The Virginia Victims Fund, officially the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund, a division of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission (VWC), administers the SAFE Payment Program.



VWC's Mission

To serve injured workers, victims of crimes, employers, and related industries by providing exceptional services, resolving disputes, and faithfully executing the duties entrusted to us by the Commonwealth of Virginia.



VWC's Vision

Lead the nation as the most effective and innovative state agency.

PURPOSE

Pursuant to Appropriation Act House Bill 30, Chapter 1289, this report details the following information to be delivered to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees. This information is provided for Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022):

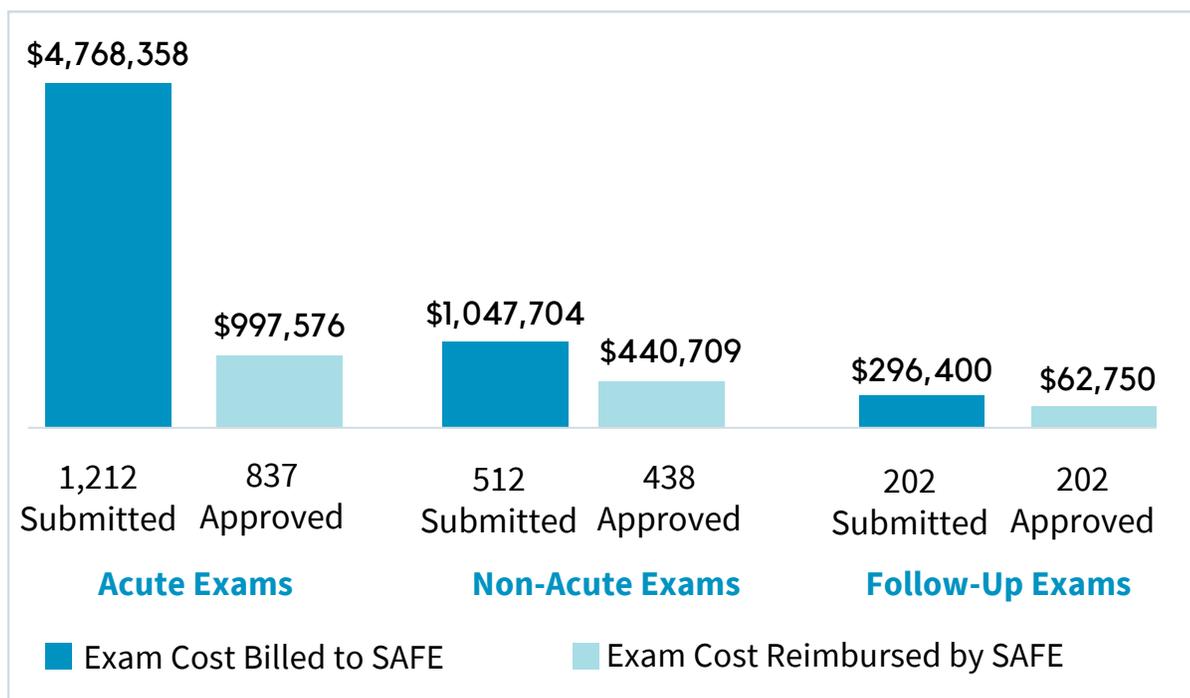
- Number of Forensic Acute, Non-Acute and Follow-up Exams;
- Total amount billed by Medical Providers for each exam;
- Total number of reimbursements made to Providers

The FY22 SAFE payment rates, effective April 1, 2022, are \$1,600 for an acute exam, \$1,000 for non-acute exam and \$350 for follow-up exams.

SAFE EXAM DATA

The chart below details the total cost and number of exams billed to the SAFE Payment Program in FY22 with comparison to those approved and reimbursed.

All follow-up treatment is filed within the existing claim. The SAFE database does not track follow-up exam counts separately, however, the chart below reflects a manual count of exams based upon the rate paid of \$300 and \$350. System upgrades are planned in the upcoming year.



The Way Forward

Effective July 1, 2022, the appropriation for the Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Payment Program was amended from nearly \$1.8 million to approximately \$6.6 million. This significant rise in support has made possible meaningful increases in reimbursement rates for sexual assault service providers and hospitals. In response to the language passed in the budgetary bill, the Fund implemented a new reimbursement scale that went into effect August 11, 2022. The new rate scale increased Acute Examination reimbursement rates to 60% of the billed total, Non-Acute rates were increased to \$1,500 and Follow-up Examination rates to \$1,000.

The Commonwealth of Virginia continues to grow and explore new ways to better support survivors of sexual assault and recovery services. VVF's SAFE Payment Program remains dedicated to the coordination and sustainability of these services. The Fund looks forward to continued partnership with the forensic nursing community, and the impact these new rates will have to the field, especially those in underserved and under-resourced communities.

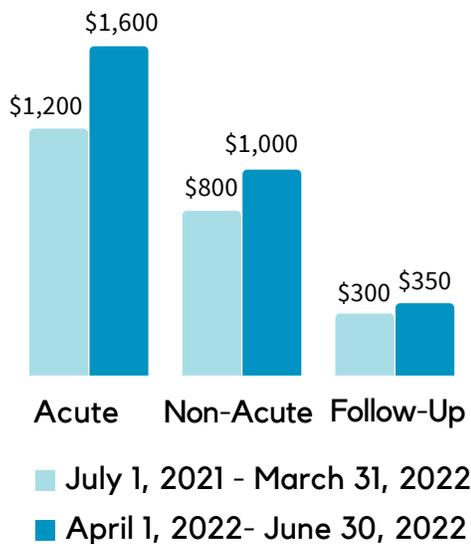
SAFE PROGRAM DATA

Prescriptions and Prophylaxis Medications

In FY22, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) released new sexually transmitted infection (STI) medication treatment guidelines. While the fiscal outlook on the SAFE Payment Program is unknown at this time, the use and availability of generic forms of these medications have assisted in keeping costs down. The SAFE Payment Program has historically reimbursed post-sexual assault prophylaxis at 100% and strives to continue to do so with the recommended additional medications. However, the budget impact will be closely monitored and changes will be made as needed.

The SAFE Payment Program is pleased to work in collaboration with the Department of Criminal Justice Service's Forensic Coordinator in an effort to reinforce outreach services, increase visibility of sexual assault forensic nursing programs and strengthen services.

Perk Reimbursement Rate Increase for FY22



Non-PERK Expenses Paid

Prescriptions	\$208,626
SAFE-Related	\$1,130
Transportation	\$487

Victim Demographics

 **52%** Adult Sexual Assault

 **48%** Child Sexual Assault

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 **82%** Female
 **10%** Male
 **7%** Unknown
 **>1%** Transgender



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