

Reasons for Denial

- crime not reported to law enforcement within 5 days of incident
- medical treatment not received within 90 days of incident
- bill not submitted within 6 months of the date service rendered
- other insurance coverage which pays the bill
- making a false report to law enforcement

How Providers Can Assist

- obtain and file all insurance information
- obtain name of law enforcement agency where report was completed
- submit bill (provide itemized statement) within 6 months
- ensure timely filing
- crime reported within 5 days
- treatment received within 90 days

Fraudulent Claims

If a false claim is deliberately filed, the claimant will be subject to prosecution, the claim will be denied, and the claimant will have to repay any monies awarded.



www.nccrimecontrol.org

**N.C. Department of
Crime Control and Public Safety**

Inquiries regarding any services may be directed to:

**Rape Victim Assistance Program
Victim Compensation Services**

4703 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-4703

1-800-826-6200
919-733-7974
919-715-4209 (Fax)

RAPE

KNOW WHAT TO DO

IN CASE OF SEXUAL ASSAULT



Victim Compensation Services

Rape is a felony offense in North Carolina. Reporting the crime to law enforcement is the first step in apprehending and convicting the assailant. Rapists are frequently repeat offenders. If you do not report the incident, the attacker is likely to hurt someone else. Telling the police what happened to you does not mean you have to prosecute. You can tell them everything you remember about the attacker and nothing about yourself. If you choose to prosecute, the authorities will pursue the crime to the fullest extent of the law.

What To Do In Case of Rape

Rape or sexual assault can happen to anyone, anytime, anyplace. What if it happens to you? While every victim reacts in a different way, the immediate reactions are usually anger, disbelief, anxiety, and fear. No matter what your reaction, you will need to do several things:

- report the crime to law enforcement within 5 days
- seek medical attention
- try to remember as much as possible about the attacker and what took place

- the sooner you get to the emergency room of a hospital, the better for obtaining evidence
- **do not change clothes, bathe or douche**
- take a change of clothes to the hospital (the clothes that you were wearing at the time of the attack will become part of the evidence collected)
- if you have a private physician, call and have him/her meet you at the emergency room

You do not have to face this situation alone. Call a family member, a friend, your clergyman, or a volunteer from a local rape crisis center, but get help somewhere. These people can offer support and assistance.

Why Is Seeking Medical Care Important?

- both physical and psychological reasons
- evidence collected will help substantiate your situation

What Compensation May Be Paid

Up to \$1,000 for evidence gathering and/or

- counseling
- related medical treatment

Payment Process

Request for payment will be processed and paid upon determination of availability of funds and upon official written verification of the report of sexual assault or attempted rape by the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Compensation is reduced or denied if the medical expense can be recouped by any collateral source (i.e. medicaid, public or private insurance plan, or other victim benefit source).

Funds are paid directly to the provider.

