

EXECUTIVE ORDER
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Robin Carnahan
SECRETARY OF STATE
COMMISSIONER, RSMO

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Senior Services is authorized under ~~Chapter 191, RSMo~~; and

WHEREAS, Section 191.225, RSMo, requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to pay for forensic examinations provided to victims of sexual offenses; and

WHEREAS, these payments currently are processed by the Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Community and Public Health; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Public Safety is authorized under Article IV, Section 12, of the Missouri Constitution and Chapter 650, RSMo; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri State Highway Patrol is housed in the Department of Public Safety and currently distributes victim sexual assault kits to law enforcement and hospitals throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund Program is within the Department of Public Safety and is the state agency that coordinates and provides financial assistance to victims of crime; and

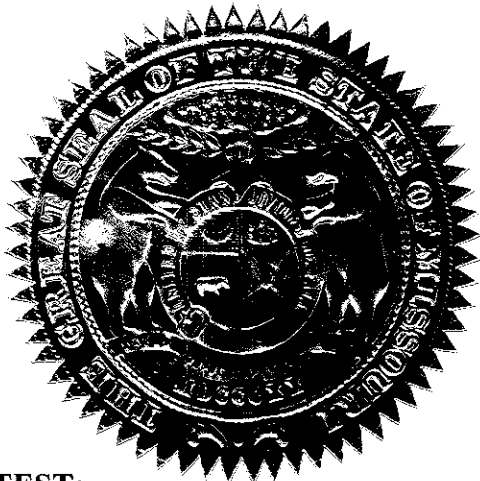
WHEREAS, the administration of sexual assault examination payments would be strengthened by a move to the Department of Public Safety where other statewide programs providing services to crime victims are located; and

WHEREAS, I am committed to integrating executive branch operations to ensure that the state delivers quality services in the most accessible manner and at the lowest cost to taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATT BLUNT, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Missouri, do hereby order the Department of Health and Senior Services and the Department of Public Safety to:

1. Transfer all the authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, contracts, budgets, matters pending, and other pertinent vestiges of the sexual assault evidentiary kit and exam payment program to the Department of Public Safety by Type I transfer, as defined under the Reorganization Act of 1974;
2. Develop mechanisms and processes necessary to effectively transfer the sexual assault evidentiary kit and exam payment program to the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund Program in the Department of Public Safety; and
3. Transfer the responsibility for staff support for the program to the Department of Public Safety's Crime Victims' Compensation Fund Program.

This Order shall become effective no sooner than August 28, 2008, unless disapproved within sixty days of its submission to the Second Regular Session of the 94th General Assembly.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, on this 6th day of February, 2008.

Matt Blunt

Matt Blunt
Governor

ATTEST:

Robin Carnahan

Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State