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**Title 11—DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Division 30—Office of the Director  
Chapter 12—Forensic Examinations  
for Sexual Assault**

**11 CSR 30-12.010 Payments for Sexual  
Assault Forensic Examinations**

*PURPOSE: This rule sets out the reporting and billing procedures for appropriate medical providers who conduct sexual assault forensic examinations, commonly known as SAFE exams. This rule sets out the requirements for the appropriate medical provider in submitting a SAFE exam claim to the Department of Public Safety for payment. This rule also establishes the criteria by which SAFE exam expenses are paid and sets out the maximum payments for SAFE exams performed at an emergency room and the maximum payments for SAFE exams performed at a clinic.*

(1) For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

(A) “Appropriate medical provider,” any licensed nurse, physician, or physician assistant, and any institution employing licensed nurses, physicians, or physician assistants, provided that such licensed professionals are the only persons at such institution to perform tasks under the provisions of this section;

(B) “Evidentiary collection kit,” a kit used during a forensic examination that includes materials necessary for appropriate medical providers to gather evidence in accordance with the forms and procedures developed by the attorney general for forensic examinations;

(C) “Forensic examination” or “Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) exam,” an examination performed by an appropriate medical provider on a victim of an alleged sexual offense to gather evidence for the evidentiary collection kit or using other collection procedures developed for victims who are minors;

(D) “Medical treatment,” the treatment of all injuries and health concerns resulting directly from a patient’s sexual assault or victimization; and

(E) “Laboratory fees,” those laboratory fees associated with a forensic examination of a child age thirteen (13) or under or those laboratory fees associated with lab tests which the appropriate medical provider deems necessary to determine whether the victim had been drugged.

(2) The victim or the victim’s parent or guardian or the requesting agency shall con-

sent in writing to the examination.

(3) Claims for payment of forensic examination expenses shall be submitted to the Missouri Department of Public Safety, Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) Program, PO Box 1589, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

(4) Claims shall be made on the Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Program Report form approved by the Missouri attorney general. The appropriate medical provider must ensure that all lines of the report form are completely and legibly filled out. The appropriate medical provider shall sign and date the report. If the report is incomplete, unsigned, or not dated, the claim may be denied.

(5) To qualify for payment, all claims shall include the Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Program Report, the Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Checklist, and an itemized billing statement.

(6) For billing purposes, all appropriate charges for the sexual assault forensic examination shall be itemized with each billable procedure, service, or supply described, including the accompanying International Classification of Disease (ICD-9) and Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code(s). Written explanation and reasoning may be required to justify certain codes.

(7) Payment shall not exceed—

(A) Nine hundred dollars (\$900) for forensic exams performed in an emergency room, including all costs associated with the facility and the appropriate medical provider fee. Payment shall not exceed—

1. Five hundred forty dollars (\$540) for the emergency room fee if submitted separately; and

2. Three hundred sixty dollars (\$360) for the appropriate medical provider fee if submitted separately;

(B) Six hundred fifty dollars (\$650) for forensic exams performed in a clinic, including all costs associated with the facility and the appropriate medical provider. When the exam is performed by a physician, payment shall not exceed—

1. Two hundred ninety dollars (\$290) for the clinic fee if submitted separately;

2. Three hundred sixty dollars (\$360) for the appropriate medical provider fee if submitted separately; and

3. When the exam is performed in a clinic by an appropriate medical provider other than a physician, payment shall not exceed—

A. Three hundred ninety dollars (\$390) for the clinic fee if submitted separately; and

B. Two hundred sixty dollars (\$260) for the appropriate medical provider fee if submitted separately; and

(C) Two hundred dollars (\$200) for any laboratory fees associated with the forensic examination, whether the forensic examination is conducted at an emergency room or clinic.

(8) The billing statement must include an itemization of the charges incurred while conducting the forensic examination, including, if applicable, the itemized laboratory fees.

(9) For the purposes of billing the Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Program, claims shall not include charges for medical procedures that are not part of the SAFE exam. The SAFE Program shall not pay for any portions of the itemized bill that are not part of the SAFE exam. The SAFE Program shall not pay for any laboratory fees associated with a SAFE exam except for qualified laboratory fees.

(10) All claims for sexual assault forensic examination charges must be submitted to the department within ninety (90) days from the date of the forensic examination.

(11) Only one (1) forensic examination per victim per sexual offense may be reimbursed.

(12) For a forensic examination to be eligible for reimbursement by the SAFE Program—

(A) The victim of the alleged sexual offense must be a Missouri resident; or

(B) The alleged sexual offense must have occurred in Missouri.

(13) The department, at its discretion, may require additional information regarding the forensic examination for auditing purposes.

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