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Amendment to Parameters and Guidelines

Penal Code Section 264.2, Subdivisions (b)(1) and (b)(2)
Penal Code Section 13701

Statutes 1991, Chapter 999
Statutes 1992, Chapter 224

Rape Victims Counseling Center Notice
05-PGA-41 (CSM-4426)

This amendment is effective beginning with claims filed for the
July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 period of reimbursement.

I. Summary of Mandate

The provisions of Penal Code section 264.2, subdivisions (b)(1) and (b)(2), as added and amended by Statutes 1991, chapter 999, and Statutes 1992, chapter 224, and Penal Code Section 13701, as amended by Statutes 1991, chapter 999, require local law enforcement agencies to: reprint existing "Victims of Domestic Violence" cards with new information to assist rape victims, furnish a rape victim with a "Victims of Domestic Violence" card, obtain victim consent to notify a local rape victim counseling center, notify the victim-selected center, and subject to the approval of the victim and upon the treating hospital's request, verify whether the local rape victim counseling center has been notified.

II. Commission on State Mandates Decision

At its July 22, 1993, hearing, the Commission on State Mandates determined that the provisions of Penal Code section 264.2, subdivisions (b)(1), and (b)(2), as added and amended by Statutes 1991, chapter 999, and Statutes 1992, chapter 224, and Penal Code section 13701, as amended by Statutes 1991, chapter 999, impose a reimbursable state mandated program by requiring local law enforcement agencies to notify the local rape victim counseling center when the victim is transported to a hospital for examination and the victim approves of that notification; subject to the approval of the victim and upon a request from the treating hospital, to verify whether the local rape victim counseling center has been notified; to revise the "Victims of Domestic Violence" card by adding information to assist rape victims, and to furnish a rape victim with a "Victims of Domestic Violence" card.

III. Eligible Claimants

Any city or county which incurs increased costs as a result of the subject state mandates is eligible to claim reimbursement of those costs.

IV. Period of Reimbursement

This amendment is effective beginning with claims filed for the July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 period of reimbursement.

Statutes 1991, chapter 999, was approved by the Governor on October 13, 1991 and became operative on January 1, 1992 and Statutes 1992, chapter 224, was approved by the Governor on July 14, 1992 and became effective operative on January 1, 1993.

Section 17557 of the Government Code states that a test claim must be submitted on or before December 31 following a given fiscal year to establish eligibility for reimbursement for that fiscal year. The test claim for the state subject mandates was filed by the County of Los Angeles on December 29, 1992. Therefore, costs incurred for Statutes 1991, chapter 999, on or after its operative date of January 1, 1992, and costs incurred for Statutes 1992, chapter 224, on or after its effective operative date of January 1, 1993, are eligible for reimbursement.

Pursuant to Government Code section 17561, actual costs for one fiscal year shall be included in each claim, and estimated costs for the subsequent year may be included on the same claim, if applicable.

If total costs for a given fiscal year do not exceed \$200, no reimbursement shall be allowed, except as otherwise allowed by Government Code section 17564.

V. Reimbursable Activities and Related Costs

To be eligible for mandated cost reimbursement for any fiscal year, only actual costs may be claimed. Actual costs are those costs actually incurred to implement the mandated activities. Actual costs must be traceable and supported by source documents that show the validity of such costs, when they were incurred, and their relationship to the reimbursable activities. A source document is a document created at or near the same time the actual cost was incurred for the event or activity in question. Source documents may include, but are not limited to, employee time records or time logs, sign-in sheets, invoices, and receipts.

Evidence corroborating the source documents may include, but is not limited to, worksheets, cost allocation reports (system generated), purchase orders, contracts, agendas, training packets, and declarations. Declarations must include a certification or declaration stating, "I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct based upon personal knowledge." Evidence corroborating the source documents may include data relevant to the reimbursable activities otherwise in compliance with local, state, and federal government requirements. However, corroborating documents cannot be substituted for source documents.

The claimant is only allowed to claim and be reimbursed for increased costs for reimbursable activities identified below. Increased cost is limited to the cost of an activity that the claimant is required to incur as a result of the mandate.

A. Scope of Mandate

Local law enforcement agencies shall be reimbursed for the increased costs which they are required to incur to: reprint existing "Victims of Domestic Violence" cards with new information to assist rape victims, furnish a rape victim with a "Victims of Domestic Violence" card, obtain victim consent to notify a local rape counseling center, notify the victim-selected local rape counseling center, and subject to the victim's approval and upon the treating hospital's request, verify whether the local rape victim counseling center has been notified.

B. For each eligible claimant, the following one-time costs and continuing costs are reimbursable:

1. Reimbursable One-Time Costs

- a. Costs of updating policies and procedures to conform with the special requirements of Chapter 999, Statutes of 1991 and Chapter 224, Statutes of 1992.
- b. Costs of modifying existing record-keeping systems to provide reliable and timely retrieval of verification information required by Chapter 224, Statutes of 1992, but not to exceed \$2,000.

2. Reimbursable Continuing Costs

- a. Costs of reprinting the existing "Victims of Domestic Violence" card to add information, relating to rape victim services, required by Chapter 999, Statutes of 1991, but not to exceed one reprinting per fiscal year.
- b. Law enforcement's road officer, clerical, and dispatcher costs required to: request each victim's consent to notify a rape counseling center, each time alleged violation(s) include at least one violation of Penal Code section 261, 261.5, 262, 286, 288a, 289, alleged separately or in combination with other violations; furnish a rape victim with a "Victims of Domestic Violence" card; record, file, and/or data-process state mandated information; and, provide hospital verification whether the local rape victim counseling center has been notified, upon the consent of the victim.

VI. Claim Preparation and Submission

One-time costs and continuing costs that are reimbursable are limited to:

A. Employee Salaries and Benefits

- 1. For one-time costs and reprinting costs described in part V, paragraph B, 2 (a), show the name of the employee involved, the classification of the employee, state mandated functions performed, number of hours devoted to the function, productive hourly rates and benefits.
- 2. For continuing costs, excluding reprinting costs described in part V, paragraph B, 2 (a), unit costs must be claimed for each specified victim, based upon the following standard times:
 - a. 10 minutes - road officer's time related to the subject state mandates
 - b. 4 minutes - clerical duties related to recording, filing, and/or data processing
 - c. 2 minutes - dispatcher's time related to hospital verification

Each standard time is multiplied by the average productive hourly rate, including applicable indirect cost as specified in part VI, paragraph D herein, for road officers, clerical staff, and dispatchers assigned state mandated duties, and, the results totaled to obtain a reimbursable unit cost. Such reimbursable unit cost is

then multiplied by the total number of reported incidents regarding alleged violations described in part V, paragraph B, 2 (b), above.

B. Services, Equipment and Supplies

Allowed only for one-time costs and reprinting costs described in part V, paragraph B, 2 (a). Claimed expenditures must be identified with a direct cost reimbursable activity resulting from the subject state mandates. List the cost of materials or equipment acquired which have been consumed or expended specifically for the purposes of the subject state mandates.

C. Contract Services

Allowed only for one time costs and reprinting costs described in part V, paragraph B, 2 (a). List costs incurred for contract services for the subject state mandates. Contracting costs are reimbursable to the extent that the function performed requires special skills or knowledge that is not readily available from the claimant's staff. Use of contract services must be justified by the claimant.

D. Allowable Overhead Cost

Allowed for one-time costs and for continuing costs. Cities and counties have the option of using 10% of direct labor as indirect costs or preparing a departmental Indirect Cost Rate Proposal. If the city or county elects to prepare an Indirect Cost Rate Proposal, the Proposal must be prepared in accordance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87 (OMB A-87).

VII. Record Retention

Pursuant to Government Code section 17558.5, subdivision (a), a reimbursement claim for actual costs filed by a local agency or school district pursuant to this chapter¹ is subject to the initiation of an audit by the Controller no later than three years after the date that the actual reimbursement claim is filed or last amended, whichever is later. However, if no funds are appropriated or no payment is made to a claimant for the program for the fiscal year for which the claim is filed, the time for the Controller to initiate an audit shall commence to run from the date of initial payment of the claim. In any case, an audit shall be completed not later than two years after the date that the audit is commenced. All documents used to support the reimbursable activities, as described in Section V, must be retained during the period subject to audit. If the Controller has initiated an audit during the period subject to audit, the retention period is extended until the ultimate resolution of any audit findings.

VIII. Offsetting Savings and Other Reimbursement

Any offsetting savings the claimant experiences as a direct result of the subject statutes must be deducted from the costs claimed. In addition, reimbursements for the subject state mandates received from any source, e.g., federal, state, etc., shall be identified and deducted from this claim.

IX. State Controller's Office Required Certification

¹ This refers to Title 2, division 4, part 7, chapter 4 of the Government Code.

An authorized representative of the claimant will be required to provide a certification of the claim, as specified in the State Controller's claiming instructions, for those costs mandated by the state contained herein.