Bureau of Victim Compensation Schedule of Benefits

Effective March 1, 2021 {Florida Administrative Codes 2A-2.2003, 2A-2.018, and 2A-3.002}



The Bureau of Victim Compensation may provide financial assistance for eligible persons, but only after all other sources of payment have been exhausted. Payments accepted by in-state providers on behalf of victims are considered payment-in-full pursuant to s. 960.14 (4), Fla. Stat. The current benefit rate for payments to treatment providers is 50% or less depending on the availability of funds. All awards made are in accordance with the discretion and direction of the department. Benefits may be reduced or denied without prior notice or appeal rights.

| BENEFIT TYPE | Maximum Benefit Amount (up to) | Timeframe Within Which Loss Must Be Incurred From Date of Crime (up to) |
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| Wage Loss | \$7,500 at a rate of 50% or GAWW | one year |
| Parental Wage Loss | \$7,500 at a rate of 50% or GAWW | one year |
| Loss of Support | \$12,500 | n/a |
| Disability | \$7,500 | n/a |
| Catastrophic Disability | \$25,000 | n/a |
| Crime Scene Cleanup | \$1,000 | 7 days |
| Medical/Dental Treatment | \$5,000 at a rate of 50% | one year |
| Mental Health Injured Minor (until age 18) | \$5,000 at a rate of 50% | n/a |
| Mental Health Inpatient Crisis Stabilization | \$5,000 at a rate of 50% | 7 days |
| Mental Health Injured Adult Victim | \$2,500 at a rate of 50% | one year |
| Mental Health Minor Witness | \$2,500 at a rate of 50% | one year |
| Mental Health Minor Victim Mental Injury (until age 18) | \$5,000 at a rate of 50% | n/a |
| Mental Health Adult or Minor Victim of Forcible Felony (non injury) | \$5,000 at a rate of 50% | one year |
| Grief Counseling (surviving spouse, parent, step- parent, child, step-child, sibling, step-sibling, or other dependent of a deceased victim; combined total benefit cannot exceed \$10,000 payout) | \$5,000 (\$2,500 each adult applicant) at a rate of 50% | one year |
| Funeral/Burial | \$7,500 | n/a |
| Property Loss | \$500 | date loss discovered |
| Domestic Violence Relocation | \$1,000 | on or prior to date of certification |
| Sexual Battery Relocation | \$1,000 | on or prior to date of certification |
| Human Trafficking Relocation | \$1,000 | on or prior to date of certification |
| Sexual Battery Forensic Examinations | \$1,000 | date of exam |
| Emergency Responder Death Benefit | \$50,000 | n/a |

Total benefits paid on a single claim cannot exceed \$7,500 when the victim is not deceased, or catastrophically injured, \$12,500 when the victim is deceased, \$25,000 when the victim has sustained a catastrophic injury as defined in s. 960.03(1), Fla. Stat., as a direct result of the crime, or \$50,000 when an emergency responder was killed while answering a call for service in the line of duty. Benefits paid to medical, mental health, or grief counseling treatment providers shall be paid at a rate of 50% or less depending on the availability of funds. Property loss cannot exceed \$500 on any one claim, and a lifetime maximum of \$1,000 on all claims. Benefits paid for relocation claims cannot exceed \$1,000 on any one claim, and a lifetime maximum of \$3,000 for the same relocation claim type.