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CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION DIVISION
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If you or a family member have been a victim of a violent crime and have financial losses resulting from injuries that are not covered in full by insurance or any other source, the Crime Victim Compensation Division may be of some assistance to you. While no amount of financial aid can erase the trauma of crime, it is our goal to ease the aftermath of crime whenever possible.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

FOR CRIMES OCCURRING BEFORE JULY 1, 2007

- The crime must be reported to law enforcement officials within 72 hours after the crime or show good cause for not reporting.
- Application must be received within 24 months after the date of the crime. In cases of child sexual abuse, the application must be received within 24 months after the crime was reported.
- The victim or claimant must fully cooperate with law enforcement investigation and prosecution.
- The victim must not have contributed, provoked or in any way caused the injury or death; such cases may be denied or reduced.
- All other sources of payment such as insurance, Medicaid, disability benefits and Workers' Compensation must pay first.

WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE?

- Individual must be the victim of a violent crime who has suffered personal injury, death or extreme psychological trauma as a result of the crime. Types of crimes include: assault, homicide, sexual assault, domestic violence, DUI crashes, stalking, child abuse and kidnapping.
- Dependents of a deceased victim.
- Persons authorized to act on behalf of the victim or dependents of a deceased victim.
- Family members of the victim who have mental health expenses related to the claim.
- Persons who have funeral expenses for the victim(s).
- A Mississippi resident who is a victim in a foreign country which does not provide compensation funds.
- A person who witnessed a violent crime.

WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE?

- A victim who engaged in illegal conduct.
- The offender and/or the accomplice to the offender.
- Anyone injured in a motor vehicle incident unless the vehicle was used by the offender (1) as a weapon to deliberately harm the victim, or (2) while driving under the influence (DUI).
- Anyone incarcerated in a penal institution when the crime occurred.
- A victim or claimant who, after filing an application with the Division, is convicted of any felony involving (1) the Controlled Substances Act, (2) use or possession of a weapon (3) personal injury, either committed or attempted.

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Stolen and/or damaged property.
- Pain and suffering.
- Attorney fees.
- Expenses paid by an insurance plan, public funds, the offender or other sources.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Medical expenses not covered by other sources, up to \$10,000 per claim.
- Funeral expenses, up to \$4,500 and transportation costs to make arrangements and attend funeral, up to \$500 per claim.
- Mental health counseling for the victim and victim's family members, up to \$3,500 per claim.
- Lost wages for the victim, up to \$600 per week for 52 weeks; not to exceed \$15,000 per claim.
- Lost wages for claimant, when the claimant had a loss of earnings in order to assist victim during recovery of injuries, up to \$600 per week for 52 weeks; not to exceed \$15,000 per claim.
- Lost wages for claimant to make arrangements and attend funeral, up to \$600 per claim for one week.
- Loss of support for dependents of a deceased victim, up to \$600 per week for 52 weeks; not to exceed \$15,000 per claim.
- Transportation costs to obtain medical and/or mental health services that are at least 45 miles one way from the victim or claimant's residence, up to \$500 per claim.
- Overall maximum award for expenses incurred is \$15,000 per claim.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Additional services are provided through the Attorney General's Office, Victim Assistance Program. Services include information and referral, victim advocacy and court related services. For more information about the Victim Assistance Program, call 1-800-829-6766 or 601-359-4144.