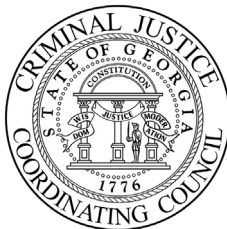


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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING**  
**GEORGIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL**

**TO:** Office of Legislative Counsel  
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All Parties on the Council's Rule Making Mailing List

**FROM:** Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council  
104 Marietta Street NW, Suite 440  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

**DATE:** February 25, 2022

Please note that due to the rescheduling of the next meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council ("the Council"), the NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING, dated February 11, 2022, has been rescinded and replaced with the following:

All interested parties are hereby notified, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4, that Council intends to consider amending the following rules:

- 144-4-.06 Crime Victims Compensation Board
- 144-4-.07 Unclaimed Restitution
- 144-4-.08 Forensic Medical Exams ("FMEs")
- 144-4-.09 Forensic Interviews ("FIs")

## SYNOPSIS AND EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED RULES

The Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is tasked with administering the Crime Victims Compensation Program pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 17-15-1, et. seq.

During the 2021 legislative session, the General Assembly enacted House Bill 141 stipulating that, "...payments made by the Crime Victims Compensation Board to medical service providers for compensation for medical services shall be made in accordance with the list of usual, customary, and reasonable charges for medical services published by the State Board of Workers' Compensation..." The Bill also provides that, "[p]ayments made to and accepted by a medical provider shall be considered payment in full..." Rule 144-4-.06 has been updated to reflect the new law by adding paragraph (6) and adding the definition of "health care" in subparagraph (2)(f).

An additional amendment is proposed to Rule 144-5-.06 (7)(b). This amendment clarifies eligibility criteria for claimants seeking compensation for loss of support.

No amendments are proposed for Rule 144-4-.07.

The proposed amendments to Rule 144-4-.08 provide clarification relating to payments for forensic medical exams. Language was also added related to audits of organizations that receive payments for forensic medical exams.

The proposed amendments to Rule 144-4-.09 provide clarification relating to payments for forensic interviews. Language was also added related to audits of organizations that receive payments for forensic interviews.

Interested persons may participate in the proposed rulemaking process by submitting their written comments to Robert Thornton, Division Director, Justice and Compliance Division, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, 104 Marietta Street NW, Suite 440, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. All written comments must be received by 2:00 p.m. on March 24, 2022. Interested persons may also participate in the proposed rulemaking by presenting comments orally at a public hearing to commence at 2:00 p.m. on March 24, 2022, at the State Bar of Georgia Conference Center, 104 Marietta Street NW, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Presidents Boardroom, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Any interested parties who wish to attend this meeting virtually may do so by contacting Robert Thornton by email at [robert.thornton@cjcc.ga.gov](mailto:robert.thornton@cjcc.ga.gov) or by telephone at 404-657-1966. Please RSVP at least 24 hours prior to the meeting to obtain COVID safety protocols if attending in person or for instructions to attend virtually.

Oral presentations at the hearing may be limited to five (5) minutes per person in order to afford all interested persons an opportunity to be heard. If you have a physical impairment and require assistance or have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

Based upon full consideration of all written and oral comments regarding the above matters, the Council may reject or adopt the proposed rules or may make changes to the proposed rules.

The Council intends to consider adopting the rules at its meeting at 10:30 a.m. on March 28, 2022, at the State Bar of Georgia Conference Center, 104 Marietta Street NW, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Meeting Room 1, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Any interested parties who wish to attend this meeting virtually may do so by contacting Robert Thornton by email at [robert.thornton@cjcc.ga.gov](mailto:robert.thornton@cjcc.ga.gov) or by telephone at 404-657-1966. Please RSVP at least 24 hours prior to the meeting to obtain COVID safety protocols if attending in person or for instructions to attend virtually.

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