Crime Victim Compensation Discussion for SARTs

- Victim notification
  - When are victims notified about crime victim compensation?
  - How are victims notified about crime victim compensation?
  - Are victims notified in every case?
  - Are victims notified more than once? During follow-up?
  - Are victims notified as part of the medical/forensic examination? What happens if victims do not receive a medical/forensic examination?
  - Is the SART monitoring or evaluating this process to ensure all victims are notified? Is this on a checklist?
  - Does your state offer electronic filing? Does the victim have access and assistance?
  - Is anyone following up to ensure the paperwork was completed and sent in?

- Hospital compensation
  - How are hospitals being compensated for the medical/forensic examination?
  - Are all hospitals in your state being compensated at the same rate?

- Process
  - Which agencies assist victims in applying for compensation?
  - How are those agencies notified when a victim needs support to apply?
  - Is it always the same agency in all cases?

- Information/training for SARTs
  - Are any services provided to victims automatically covered by victim compensation when there is no other payee?
  - What types of expenses are covered? Which are not?
  - Are there other agencies in your area that may pay for items crime victim compensation is unable to cover?
What are the eligibility requirements?

How do state compensation and private insurance work together?

What kinds of losses might a victim suffer that would not be compensated?

What types of documentation of expenses are required?

Accessibility

Are compensation forms available in multiple languages?

What reading level is required to fill out the forms?

Are the forms accessible to individuals with disabilities?

Problem solving

Where do victims apply if multiple jurisdictions are involved?

If crime victim compensation is unable to pay, are there other resources in the community?

Will victim compensation accept applications where a report to law enforcement has not occurred? Will they accept a letter from a medical/forensic examiner or an advocate that describes specific safety concerns that prevent a victim from reporting?

When intimate partner violence includes a sexual assault, will victim compensation pay for costs associated with the assault?