

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Agencies that receive Sexual Assault kits
COPY: ND Department of Health, ND Council on Abused Women,
ND Healthcare Association, ND Children's Advocacy Centers
FROM: Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem
DATE: July 28, 2009
RE: **Forensic Medical Examinations**
New coverage, new reimbursement request forms

ATTENTION REQUIRED

The 2007 Legislative Assembly made changes to N.D.C.C. § 12.1-34-07, relating to forensic medical examinations (sexual assault exams). These changes are:

- Separate amount authorized for reimbursement of Emergency Medical Treatment & Labor Act (EMTALA) screening;
- Reimbursement coverage extended to include non-acute examinations performed on child victims of alleged criminal sexual conduct (such as allegations of ongoing sexual abuse of a child);
- Changes are retroactive to May 23, 2009.

The Office of Attorney General has revised the Forensic Medical Examination Reimbursement Request Form to reflect these changes. **The new forms are being distributed over the next few days to all North Dakota medical facilities and programs that receive Sexual Assault (rape) kits.** Once you receive the new forms, please **discard** any old forms.

You will note that the new 1-page triplicate form has **a unique pre-printed number** on the top right-hand side. The medical provider retains the **PINK** copy to **track the reimbursement request and payment** and submits the white and yellow copy to the Crime Laboratory (along with the supporting documentation). The **unique number** on the top of the form **is printed on the reimbursement check** issued by this office. This will make it easy for the medical provider's billing department to credit the payment against the corresponding request form. Instructions for proper completion and mailing are printed on the reverse of the triplicate form.

If you have any questions regarding the new forms or the reimbursement process, please feel free to contact my assistant, Liz Brocker, at (701) 328-2210.

Thank you.