

June 1, 2024

Dear Mental Health Providers and CaIVCB claimants:

This letter is to notify you of two changes to the CaIVCB Mental Health Guidelines effective June 1, 2024. These changes expand available mental health services and allow for continued services to victims. The two changes are:

- 1) The outpatient mental health initial session limits for individual claimant filing statuses are increasing. This applies to all applications regardless of filing date. The new session limits are:
 - Direct Victims and Survivors: Increase from 40 to 60 sessions
 - Derivative
 - Adult: Increase from 15 to 30 sessions
 - Minor: Increase from 30 to 50 sessions
 - Minor Witness: Increase from 30 to 50 sessions
 - Primary Caretakers (at time of crime): Increase from 30 to 50 sessions
 - Post-Crime Primary Caretakers: Increase from 15 to 30 sessions
- 2) Certified Child Life Specialists (CCLS) will have a rate of \$38 per hour.
 - Eligible CCLS must be certified by the Association of Child Life Professionals (childlife.org) and be supervised by a licensed provider.
 - CCLS are subject to the same terms and conditions as other qualified CaIVCB mental health providers.
 - CCLS services provided by other professionals will be paid commensurate with their licensing.

Additional information and the full Guidelines can be found at
<https://victims.ca.gov/for-service-providers/mental-health-service-providers/>.

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