

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Office of the General Treasurer
Crime Victims Compensation Program

Public Notice of Proposed Rule-Making

Pursuant to the provisions of §12-25 of the General laws of Rhode Island, and in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act §42-35 of the General Laws, the Crime Victims Compensation Program hereby gives notice of its intent to amend Section 1.07, Compensable Expenses, of the Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Crime Victim Compensation Program.

The purpose of this amendment is to establish the maximum rates and limitations for the payment of mental health treatment sessions. The rates and limitations are as follows:

- (1) \$130 per hour is reimbursed for individual services provided by a licensed psychiatrist;
- (2) \$110 per hour is reimbursed for individual services provided by a licensed clinical psychologist;
- (3) \$90 per hour is reimbursed for individual services provided by licensed clinical social worker, mental health nurse, marriage and family therapist (MFT), or clinical nurse specialist with a specialist in psychiatric mental health nursing;
- (4) For group therapy, 40% of the maximum individual session rate is reimbursed;
- (5) Family therapy is reimbursed as individual session rates listed above.

The proposed rule and concise summary of non-technical amendments are available for public inspection at www.treasury.ri.gov/crimevictim, in person at the Office of the General Treasurer, State House Room 102, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, by emailing anatale@treasury.ri.gov or by calling (401)222-2397 .

In the development of the proposed amendment consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.

All interested parties are invited to submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed regulations from July 9, 2009 to August 28, 2009. A public hearing to consider the proposed amendment shall be held in State House Room 135, Providence, Rhode

Island 02903 at 10 a.m. on August 28, 2009 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The room is accessible to the disabled and interpreter services for the hearing impaired will be provided if requested 48 hours prior to the hearing. Requests for this service can be made in writing or by calling (401)222-2397 or TTY 711.