

Guidance for Vermont Pharmacists

Voucher for Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)

Pursuant to Vermont State statute Title 13 § 3256, the Voucher for Post Exposure Prophylaxis is provided to victims of sexual assault who present to a medical facility for treatment and are subsequently prescribed medications to treat sexually transmitted infections. Including HIV PEP, antibiotics and antiemetics prescribed with HIV PEP.

(g) Upon request of the victim at any time after the commission of a crime involving a sexual act under subsection (b) of this section, the State shall provide any of the following services to the victim:

(1) counseling regarding human immunodeficiency virus (HIV);

(2) testing, which shall remain confidential unless otherwise provided by law, for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, including gonorrhea, herpes, chlamydia, and syphilis;

(3) counseling by a medically trained professional on the accuracy of the testing, and the risk of transmitting HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases to the victim as a result of the crime involving a sexual act; and

(4) prophylaxis treatment, crisis counseling, and support services.

(13 V.S.A. § 3256)

Processing the Voucher for Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)

1. Accept the voucher from the patient; verify the provider section is completed.
2. Submit charges to insurance ONLY if the patient agrees. There may be a safety or confidentiality concern related to billing insurance. Reassure the patient that the voucher will cover any patient portion due after insurance. If the patient DOES NOT want insurance billed, Center for Crime Victim Services will be the primary payor.
3. Complete the pharmacy section on the Voucher.
4. Fill the prescription(s) and give it to the patient without a charge.
5. Mail or Fax the original or copy of voucher and medication receipt showing patient name, cost, and any insurance remittance advice to State of Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services.
6. Center for Crime Victim Services will process payment and the state will issue payment to the remittance address you provide on the voucher.
7. **State of Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services**
Attn: SA Program, 58 South Main Street, Waterbury, VT 05676
Sexual Assault Program Phone: (802) 241-1250 x104 Fax (802) 241-1253
8. Do not send payment to the clinic addresses at the bottom of the Voucher. Clinic contact information is for patient information only.