

Alaska's Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) - Benefits at a Glance

Expense	Required Documentation	Payment Maximums
Medical Including but not limited to hospital services, physician/dental charges, physical therapy, ambulance fees, tests, x-rays, blood work, cultural and traditional healing approaches, chiropractic care, prescriptions/over-the-counter medications/supplies, home health care, medical co-pays/deductibles, alternative or holistic treatment, job training, childcare, medical equipment, or devices needed or damaged because of the crime that are essential to assist in normal daily life functions.	General Medical Expenses Copies of itemized medical bills and paid receipts in the claimant's name showing the name, address, and telephone number of the service provider, the date of the service, type of service provided, and the amount charged for each service; If covered by insurance, copies of insurance explanation of benefit (EOB) statements; Confirmation that the applicant is not eligible for Medicaid benefits is required; Reimbursement of Prescription Medications: A copy of the actual prescription (or pharmacy printout) showing victim's name, the type of medication, the date prescribed, and the physician's name.	Up to \$40,000 Chiropractic care: 20 visits within 12 months of crime. Up to \$3,500. Cultural and traditional healing approaches: Up to \$3,000. Alternative therapy: Up to 3 sessions without certification from a physician or licensed mental health care provider. Job retraining: Up to \$1,500.
Loss of Earnings Up to two weeks of wages; Up to one week if non-relative makes funeral/burial arrangements.	If Claimant is an Employee Copy of two (2) pay stubs for period immediately prior to crime; Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) will request the employer complete an Employer Verification for Lost Wages Form; VCCB will request a Licensed Physician or Mental Health Care Provider complete a Physician/Therapist Certification for Loss Wages Form if the claimant is requesting more than two weeks. If Claimant is Self-Employed Completed <u>Self-Employment Verification for Lost Wages Form</u> ; One year of federal income tax returns including the Schedule C form. If the victim or applicant did not file a return, quarterly deposits, 1099s or other documentation required. Verification of lawful employment is necessary.	Up to \$10,000 Compensation is reimbursed at a rate of 85% of gross pay. VCCB awards are non-taxable. VCCB may offset any paid leave (donated, sick, personal, or annual). May offset paid Bereavement/Funeral leave. Up to two-weeks without a note from a physician or mental health care provider. On a case-by-case basis, with medical justification, a longer period may be considered.
Relocation Housing application fee, rental and/or pet deposit, truck rental, moving company, storage, motel/hotel, rent, transportation costs, P.O. box rental, utility deposit and/or connection fee for electric, gas, or water. Note: Need to relocate must be for safety and/or health reasons.	Completed <u>Relocation Plan</u> ; Copy of lease for new rental, listing claimant as the lessee; Copy of itemized bills and paid receipts for relocation in the claimant's name showing the name, address, and telephone number of the service provider, the date of the service, type of service provided, and the amount charged for each service; Completed <u>Rental Verification Form</u> completed by landlord or property manager OR proof of payment (receipts from the landlord).	Up to \$7,500 (per crime/per household) Rent: Up to \$4,000 or two months, whichever is less. PO box rental: Up to one year. Motel/Hotel: Up to 5 days (up to \$225 per night, including tax and fees). Licensed/professional moving company fees: Up to \$2,500. Note: If victim is unable to show sufficient income to maintain rent, reimbursement may not exceed \$4,000.
Funeral and Burial Casket/urn or similar vessel, funeral services, burial vault, cremation costs, grave marker, flowers, transportation of body, memorial meal, and burial clothing; In addition, for Alaska Native or other culturally appropriate burial ceremonies: food baskets and other expenses related to the traditional giveaway or gifting practices of tribe; and gifts to individuals for the performance of service (i.e., quilts, cooking, etc.).	Copy of signed funeral contract (Statement of Funeral Goods and Services will suffice) between the funeral home and the claimant; Copies of itemized funeral and/or burial bills and/or memorial expenses in the claimant's name showing the name, address, and telephone number of the service provider, the date of the service, type of service provided, and the amount charged for each service; Copies of any paid receipts; Copy of death certificate or other verification indicating homicide (i.e. police report).	Up to \$10,000 For emergency award consideration, up to \$10,000 may be available should two applications be submitted (\$5,000 each). Memorial meal/food: Up to \$1,500. Alaska Native or other culturally appropriate burial ceremonies as described: Up to \$1,500.

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Loss of Support Generally provided to victim's minor children. VCCB may compensate lost support for a relative who was financially dependent on the victim at the time of the death.	Minor Dependent(s) Copy of child's birth certificate, adoption papers and/or guardianship documents; Copy of Social Security survivor benefit award letter or denial; Proof of a child's dependence on the victim at the time of death (e.g., copy of victim's federal income tax return, child support order). Adult Dependent Proof of dependence on the victim at the time of death (e.g., copy of victim's federal income tax return and W-2's or alimony/spousal order).	Up to \$40,000 and up to \$80,000 if there are multiple dependents that were financially dependent on the victim at the time of the death. Documentation must clearly demonstrate proof of maintenance of an eligible dependent and establishment of the deceased wage earnings. In certain circumstances, childcare may be considered.
Mental Health Therapy Counseling, co-pays, deductibles, cultural and traditional healing approaches, alternative therapy, such as acupuncture, massage therapy, equine and art therapies, and purchase/training of an emotional support animal (pre-authorization required by VCCB prior to purchase).	Copies of itemized counseling bills and paid receipts in the claimant's name showing the name, address, and telephone number of the service provider, the date of the service, type of service provided, and the amount charged for each service; Copies of insurance EOB statements, if applicable; Treatment plan from mental health provider. If Requesting Additional Therapy Above Initial Award Additional Counseling Request Form completed by the claimant's mental health provider. Emotional support animal – Contact VCCB for required documentation.	Counseling – Direct Victims: Initial maximum award is 24 sessions. Secondary Victims: initial maximum 12 sessions VCCB will pay first evaluation and intake session in full. Payment after first session: \$200/session for services provided by a licensed mental health provider; \$135/hour for services provided by a mental health provider supervised by a licensed mental health provider; \$250/hour for services provided by a clinical psychologist; Psychiatrist charges are paid at 100%; (Additional therapy considered on a case-by-case basis with Treatment plan.) Alternative therapy: Up to 3 sessions without certification from a physician or licensed mental health care provider; Emotional support animal: Up to \$2,000 if approved by VCCB prior to purchase.
Security Measures Security system purchase, installation, and monitoring; replacement, repair, or purchase and installation related to securing doors, windows and locks; and damaged or destroyed cell phone.	Copies of itemized bills and paid receipts in the claimant's name showing the name, address and telephone number of the service provider, the date of the service, type of service provided, and the amount charged for each service; The police report will be key to verify damage to homes and cell phones that are destroyed, damaged, or taken as evidence.	Security system and monitoring: Up to \$1,500. Securing doors, windows, and locks: Up to \$4,000. Destroyed/damaged cell phone: Up to \$1,000.
Crime Scene Clean-up Costs to remove, or attempt to remove, blood, dirt, stains or other debris caused by the crime or the investigative processing of the crime scene in a private residence.	Copies of itemized bills and paid receipts in the claimant's name showing the name, address, and telephone number of the service provider, the date of the service, type of service provided, and the amount charged for each service. The police report will be key to verify damage to homes requiring clean-up.	Up to \$7,000
Items Taken as Evidence Replacement of bedding and/or clothing, or other essential items taken by law enforcement for evidence.	Copy of the evidence receipt provided by the law enforcement agency; If available, receipts should be provided. If receipts are not available, a description of the item and brand name, if known. Items must be listed/mentioned in police report.	Up to \$1,500 Cell phone: Up to \$1,000 (not included in \$1500 max – see security).

Transportation Airfare, public transportation, car rental, mileage, lodging, tolls, parking, and in some cases meal subsistence.	Completed Request for Transportation Expenses Form ; Copies of bills or documentation to support each travel date (medical, counseling, funeral, court); Copies of itemized travel expenses and paid receipts in the claimant's name showing the name, address, and telephone number of the service provider, the date of the service, type of service provided, and the amount charged for each service.	Up to \$5,000 per major event (funeral, trial, etc.) Car rental: Up to \$50 per day. Mileage: Reimbursed at federal standard rate (over 50 miles). Lodging – Hotel/Motel: Up to \$225 per night (including tax and fees). Meal subsistence: Up to \$60 per day if travel is 50 miles or more (one way) from eligible person's home. Per-Diem limit of up to \$200 per day per family.
Childcare Childcare expenses <u>outside of pre-existing needs</u> if childcare is directly related to the incident, need is directly related to the need to attend medical, counseling or criminal justice proceedings or the homicide victim was providing childcare services at time of death.	Reimbursements will be provided based on receipts provided. In cases where victim was primary childcare provider at time of death, proof of maintenance may include child's birth certificate or guardianship, proof of paternity, Social Security statement, survivor pension plan, federal income tax return, or other documentation that may be provided for proof of maintenance. The VCCB will consider requests on a case-by-case basis depending on documentation provided and reasonableness.	Up to \$2,000* *In cases of homicide where victim was childcare provider at the time of death, VCCB may consider requests for childcare services, not to exceed \$20,000, until the child reaches primary school age.
Rent Temporary assistance to help stabilize housing when a qualifying crime causes a disruption to the applicants ability to meet rental obligations.	Rental request form provided by VCCB – demonstrating financial need related to crime. Proof of current rental obligation (lease agreement)	Up to \$4,000 or 2 months (whichever is less) Payments will be made directly to the landlord or property management company.

Note: The total compensation that may be awarded as a result of a crime may not exceed \$40,000 with the exception of claims for loss of support.