



Summary of 2024 Proposals

Minnesota Sexual Assault Exam Payment Program Data Protection

Victim-identifying data submitted to the Minnesota Sexual Assault Exam Payment Program (MSAEPP), created in the 2023 legislative session, are currently classified as private data under section 611A.46(b). This proposal would ensure that the supporting documentation submitted by the medical service provider to the MSAEPP are also classified as private data, giving them the same protection as those submitted to the Minnesota Crime Victims Reimbursement Program.

Consistent Definition of Crime Victim throughout Statutes

Currently, there is inconsistency in our statutory scheme as to how “crime victim” is defined for purposes of crime victim rights. The definition of “crime victim” under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 611A was significantly changed in 2005, however, the old statutory verbiage still persists in various other statutes related to victim rights. This proposal provides consistency in the definition of “crime victim” throughout the statutory scheme, ensuring that victim rights, regardless of statutory location, are afforded to crime victims as defined in section 611A.01(b).

Minnesota Crime Victims Reimbursement Program Coverage Clarification

The Minnesota Crime Victims Reimbursement Program does not consider gifts and donations made to the victim/victim’s family as “collateral sources” when determining the amount of reimbursement for which they may be eligible. This practice was instituted because of the difficulty identifying gifts or donations to the reimbursement claimants and verifying if the claimants actually received the purported gift or donation. This proposal would provide clear guidance that gifts and donations, including those resulting from crowdsourcing efforts, are not to be considered when determining reimbursement amounts.