

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

SENATE BILL NO. 2216
(Senators Lyson, Fischer, Seymour)
(Representatives Delmore, S. Meyer, Mueller, Porter)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 12.1-34-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to reimbursement for medical screening examinations that precede child forensic medical examinations and acute forensic medical examinations; to provide an appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 12.1-34-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

12.1-34-07. Acute Medical screening and acute forensic medical examinations costs - Reimbursement by attorney general - Use of evidence.

1. An acute forensic medical examination is an examination performed on an alleged victim of criminal sexual conduct for the purpose of gathering evidence of an alleged crime and is performed within ninety-six hours after the alleged crime unless good cause is shown for the delay in performing the examination. When an acute forensic medical examination is performed, the costs incurred by a health care facility or health care professional for performing the acute forensic medical examination or any preliminary medical screening examination may not be charged, either directly or through a third-party payer, to the alleged victim.
2. A child forensic medical examination is an examination performed on an alleged child victim of criminal sexual conduct for the purpose of gathering evidence of an alleged crime. When a child forensic medical examination is performed, the costs incurred by a health care facility or health care professional for performing the child forensic medical examination or any preliminary medical screening examination may not be charged, either directly or through a third-party payer, to the alleged child victim or the child's parent, guardian, or custodian.
3. Upon submission of appropriate documentation, the attorney general, within the limits of legislative appropriations, shall reimburse the health care facility or a health care professional for the reasonable costs incurred in performing ~~an~~ the medical screening and acute forensic medical examination.
3. 4. Evidence obtained during ~~an acute forensic~~ a medical examination under this section may not be used against an alleged victim for the prosecution of the alleged victim for a separate offense.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the insurance regulatory trust fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$410,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the attorney general for the purpose of reimbursing health care facilities and health care professionals for the costs of performing preliminary medical screening examinations, child forensic medical examinations, and acute medical examinations on alleged victims of criminal sexual conduct, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2216 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 88 Nays 0 Absent 6

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2009,

at ___ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State