

2013 CalVCP Program Changes

On September 30, 2012, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed an important bill for victims of crime, tripling the time period allowed for crime victims to apply for financial assistance with CalVCP. Changes concerning the victim compensation filing period, good cause reasons, authorized representatives, CalVCP Board approval rate changes, and Nonprofit Agency Programs will go into effect on **January 1, 2013**.

Time Period for Filing an Application Increased from One Year to Three Years

An application for compensation shall be filed within three years of either:

- a. The date of the crime, or
- b. The victim's 18th birthday

Note: An application based on any sexual crime eligible for prosecution under [Section 801.1 of the Penal Code](#) may be filed any time prior to the victim's 28th birthday.

Modified Good Cause Reasons

Applications received after the filing period can only be accepted if the claimant incurs emotional harm or a pecuniary loss:

- a. While testifying during the prosecution or in the punishment of the person accused or convicted of the crime, or
- b. When the offender is scheduled for a parole hearing or released from incarceration.

Social Workers are Authorized to be Representatives for Child & Elder Abuse Victims

A designated county social worker is authorized to represent a child or an elder abuse victim if that victim is unable to file on his or her own behalf.

Required Information from Social Workers Reduced

County social workers completing an application for a child or elder abuse victim are not required to provide his/her:

- a. Date of birth
- b. Social security number

County social workers also do not have to sign a promise of repayment to the board.

Delay for Board-Approved Changes

Reduction in the maximum rates or service limitations will not be applied to losses incurred for three months after the adoption of the reduction.

A provider shall not charge a claimant for any difference between the cost of a service provided and the program's payment for that service.

