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## Greetings!

Today's Topic: "Anonymous Reporting"

- Adult victims do not have to report the sexual assault to law enforcement in order to receive a forensic exam and have it paid for by DCVC.
- As far as law enforcement is concerned, there is no investigation until the victim chooses to report the crime, and cooperate with law enforcement.
- ➤ The hospital personnel must contact the designated law enforcement agency to secure the anonymous safe kit, which must be kept for one year.
- ➤ When submitting the Protocol to DCVC, make sure that you write "ANONYMOUS" on the second page.
- Once DCVC has an eligible Sexual Assault claim on file, the victim may complete a Compensation Application, and receive additional benefits provided through DCVC.

\*\*\*The Sexual Assault Protocol and the Hospital Billing Booklet are attached\*\*\*

## REMEMBER: NEVER BILL THE VICTIM NOR BILL THEIR INSURANCE FOR THE COLLECTION OF EVIDENCE.

**Note:** Please forward this email to anyone you believe should be a recipient of the E-BLAST or send us the email of someone who should receive the E-BLAST so we can add them to the list; let us know if you <u>do not</u> want to receive the E-BLAST. You may email me rbrockman@scag.gov or lshirley@scag.gov

Sincerely,

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