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**ILLINOIS HEALTH AND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION  
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**SUBJECT: New Law Temporarily Adds FQHCs to SASETA**

On June 5, Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed into law Senate Bill 557/P.A. [101-0634](#), which temporarily adds approved federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) to the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act (SASETA). The new law seeks to expand medical forensic service options to sexual assault survivors during the COVID-19 pandemic.

FQHCs seeking to provide medical forensic services to sexual assault survivors will be subject to the same requirements as hospitals and approved pediatric health care facilities, with the difference being qualified medical providers, physicians, physician assistants and advance practice registered nurses at the FQHC must complete 10 hours of sexual assault training prior to providing medical forensic exams and evidence collection.

Public Act 101-0634 will allow FQHCs to submit a sexual assault treatment plan to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) for approval to provide medical forensic services to sexual assault survivors 13 years old or older who present for medical forensic services due to a sexual assault during, and 90 days after, a Governor-proclaimed disaster issued in response to a public health emergency. The changes to SASETA advanced under the new law will be automatically repealed on June 30, 2021.

An FQHC must participate in or submit an areawide sexual assault treatment plan that includes a treatment hospital. If a FQHC does not provide certain medical or surgical services that are provided by hospitals, then the areawide sexual assault plan must include a procedure for ensuring that a sexual assault survivor who is in need of these services receives them at the treatment hospital. The treatment plan may also include treatment hospitals with approved pediatric transfer or an approved pediatric health care facility.

To review Senate Bill 557/P.A. 101-0634 in its entirety [click here](#).

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