

SAMPLE NOTICE TO SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS

KEEP THIS INFORMATION – YOU MAY NEED IT LATER

TREATMENT HOSPITAL NAME: _____

- 1. Direct Billing of Survivor Prohibited.** As a survivor of sexual assault, the law provides that you should not be directly billed by any ambulance provider providing transportation services, or by any hospital, healthcare professional, laboratory, or pharmacy for hospital emergency services or evidence collection in the emergency department. If you have insurance, and you are the subscriber or primary policyholder of your insurance policy, your insurance will be billed, but you are not responsible for any deductible or co-pay related to these services. If you have insurance but you are not the subscriber or primary policyholder of your insurance policy, you may opt out of having the hospital bill your insurance.
- 2. Voucher.** Before leaving the emergency department of the facility that treated you, the hospital will give you an Authorization for Payment Voucher for follow-up healthcare, if you are eligible to receive one. You are eligible for a voucher if you are not fully covered by Medicaid. If you are fully covered by Medicaid, Medicaid will pay for your follow-up treatment, so you should present your Medicaid card to the follow-up provider.

If you have follow-up healthcare visits related to the sexual assault, including but not limited to counseling, lab tests and medications, your insurance and/or the voucher allows you to get services at no charge to you for 180 days following the initial hospital emergency visit. Give the voucher to the follow-up healthcare provider and ask them to make you a copy, so you have one for your next follow-up provider. You may also ask the hospital for a copy from your medical record.

- 3. “Follow-up healthcare”** means healthcare services related to a sexual assault, including laboratory and pharmacy services, provided within 180 days of your initial visit for hospital emergency services.
- 4. Number to Call If You Receive a Related Hospital Bill.** You may call this number if you receive a bill from the hospital for hospital emergency services or evidence collection services related to the sexual assault: _____. If you should not have received a bill, the hospital will make the necessary adjustments.
- 5. Number to Call If You Receive a Related Bill from a Healthcare Professional, Lab or Pharmacy or are unable to resolve your hospital bill.** If you receive a bill from an ambulance provider, a healthcare professional, a laboratory or a pharmacy, or you are unable to resolve a hospital bill that is related to the sexual assault, you may call this toll-free number of the office of the Illinois Attorney General, Crime Victim Services Division: 1-800-228-3368 (Voice); 1-877-398-1130 (TTY) and you will receive assistance in resolving the bill.
- 6. Inpatient Services.** If you are admitted to the hospital as an inpatient, you may be billed for inpatient services provided by a hospital, healthcare professional, laboratory, or pharmacy.
 - If you have insurance coverage, your insurance company will be billed and you may be responsible for any co-pay, deductible or co-insurance assessed by your insurance company.
 - If you have no insurance, you may be eligible for a discount under the Hospital Uninsured Patient Discount Act.
 - To find out if you are eligible for financial help under the Crime Victim Compensation Act, contact the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, Crime Victim Services Division at 1-800-228-3368 (Voice); 1-877-398-1130 (TTY).

(NOTE: The information in #6 applies *only* if you were admitted to the hospital as an inpatient.)

7. Rape Crisis Advocates. If you need assistance with any of the above items, contact a local rape crisis center. Rape crisis centers provide free legal and medical advocacy.