

Sexual Assault Survivors' Emergency Treatment Act (SASETA)

The Sexual Assault Survivors' Emergency Treatment Act, often referred to as SASETA, (410 ILCS 70/1 et. seq.) is an Illinois law governing the health care and evidence collection procedures for hospitals responding to sexual assault victims.

SASETA mandates that all hospitals must help sexual assault victims in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Private exam room
- Appropriate medical exams to ensure health, safety, and welfare
- Oral and written information regarding infection, Sexually Transmitted Infections, and pregnancy
- Appropriate medication to prevent or treat STIs or pregnancy
 - Indications, counter-indications and risks of using emergency contraception
 - Description of how and when victims may be provided emergency contraception
- Blood test to determine presence or absence of STI
 - Oral and written instructions for need for follow-up blood test 6 weeks later
- A voucher is issued by the hospital, good for 90 days of follow-up care
 - Not accepted at all primary care facilities, call ahead
- Evidence collection kits **are mandated** to be offered and completed if requested up to **7 days after an assault**
 - However, evidence collection kits can be completed any time following an assault if requested
- Photography is required to be offered by law as a part of the evidence collection kit
 - All photographs taken at the hospital are sealed in the patient's file
- **All victims may have a support person and/or Advocate present before, during and after the evidence collection exam**

PAYMENT FOR HOSPITAL CHARGES AND AMBULANCE

The patient should never receive a bill for any services provided in the emergency room. If the patient has health insurance, the hospital will first attempt to collect payment from them. If the patient does not have health insurance or the health insurance company will not pay all costs, the Illinois Department of Public Aid will reimburse the hospital for procedures, medications, and follow-up tests.

What services are reimbursable?

- Outpatient emergency services
- Outpatient care
- Practitioner Services
- Ambulance Transportation
- Lab work

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