

STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION  
VIOLENT CRIMES COMPENSATION BOARD  
PRE-APPROVALS

**BACKGROUND:**

The Board has routinely been willing to pre-approve funds for counseling, CITA, relocation and reestablishment, security measures and in some cases, medical treatment. Such an award enables a victim with few or no resources to obtain treatment, escape an unsafe situation and make a new start. In such cases, receipts are required to be submitted as funds are used. However, either no time limit was imposed on the use of such funds, or was not monitored and enforced. This could have serious implications for available funding of further awards.

**POLICY:**

1. In order to ensure that existing funds are not exhausted, the Board will impose a time limit within which pre-approved funds must be used, usually 6 months from the date of award. If there are funds remaining at the expiration of the time limit, the balance will be released into the VCCB award fund pool to be used to compensate other victims and the claim will be closed. A claimant who wishes to continue to use pre-approved funds after the time limit has expired must apply to the Board for their claim to be reopened and for additional consideration for a further award.
2. The Board will limit the number of mental health counseling sessions it is willing to award to 13, other than in exceptional cases (e.g. sexual abuse of minors) where the Board may continue to award up to 26 mental health counseling sessions.

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