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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Victims of Crime Program

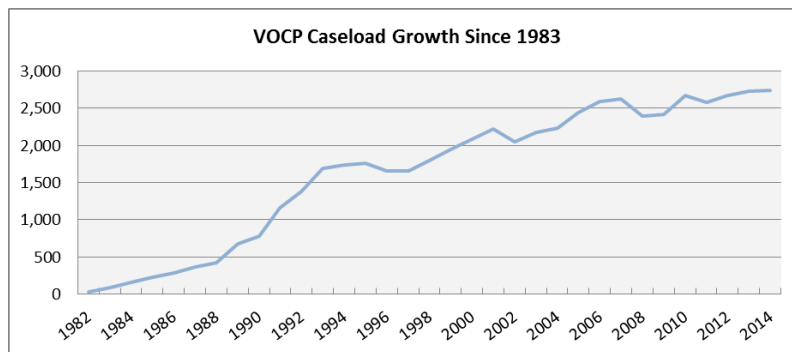
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Coordinator's Fiscal Year 2014 Report
(July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014)

The Victims of Crime Program is statutorily responsible for financially assisting Nevada victims of violent crime who do not have the resources to help themselves. We pay medical and other crime related expenses in order to assist the victim recover from the financial and emotional impact of the violent crime.

The Victims of Crime Program has continued to see its caseload grow steadily over the years.

Caseload Growth



During FY 2014 the VOCP received **2,744** new applications, approving **2,048** victims for assistance with 53 applications still pending a decision as of September 8, 2014. This is 14 more applications received than in FY 2013.

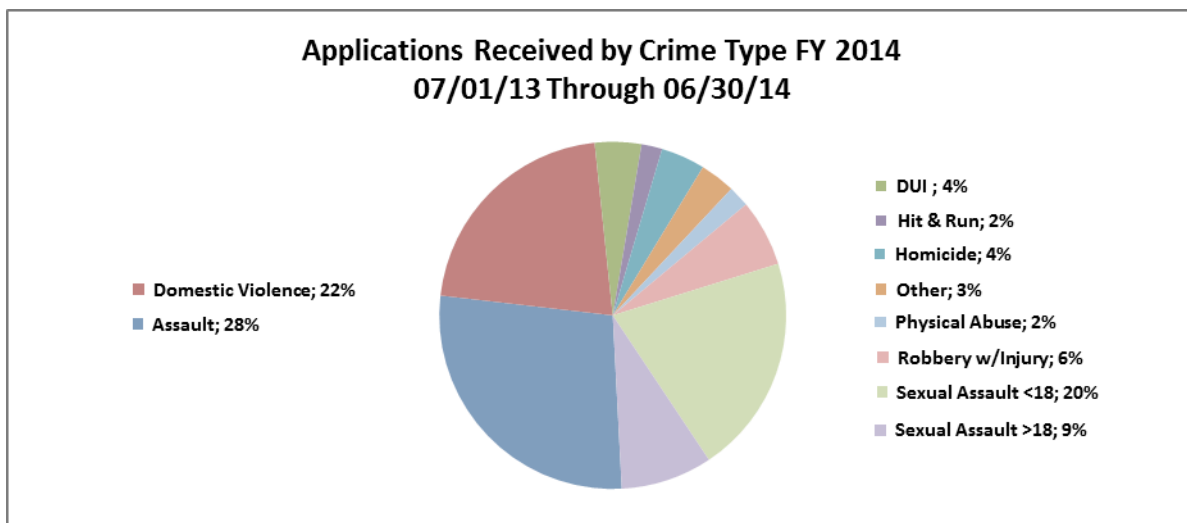
During FY 2014 the VOCP closed 2,501 files after providing those victims all available benefits they qualified for, and paid all of their known crime related bills. *No victim was left with any crime related expenses when their claims were closed.*

During FY 2014 the VOCP satisfied **\$24,730,030.41** in approved victim hospital and medical bills, mental health counseling, lost wages, crime scene cleanup, relocation costs, and other crime related expenses.

After VOCP bill review and cost containment policies were applied, these claims were satisfied with **\$6,198,094.25** of VOCP adjusted fee schedule payments. This means victims received the equivalent of **\$18,531,936.16** of assistance over the actual VOCP expenditures.

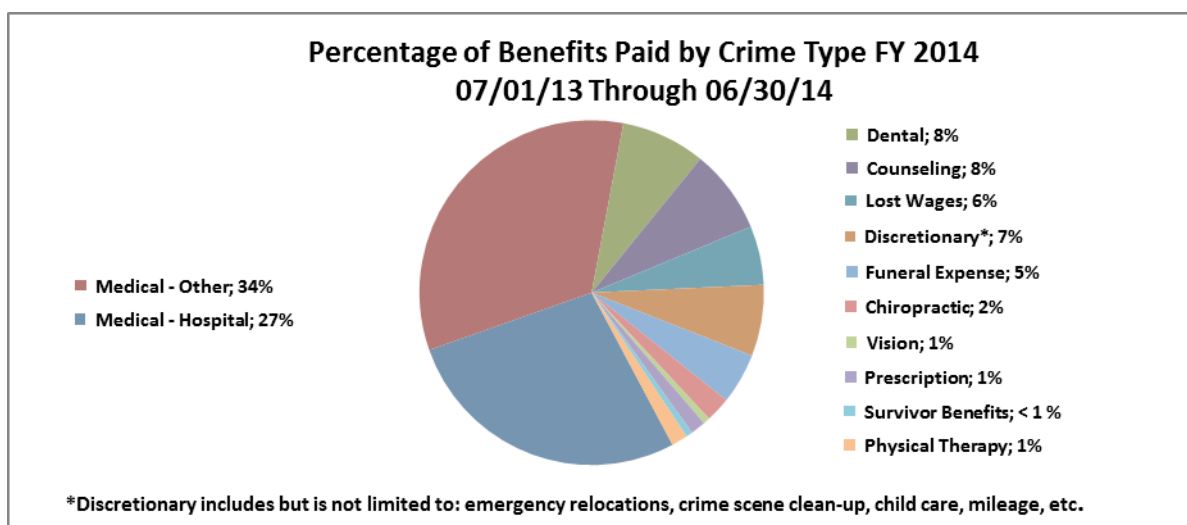
Summary of Applications Received

The VOCP received **2,744** new applications during FY 2014. The following chart shows the percentage of applications received by crime type.



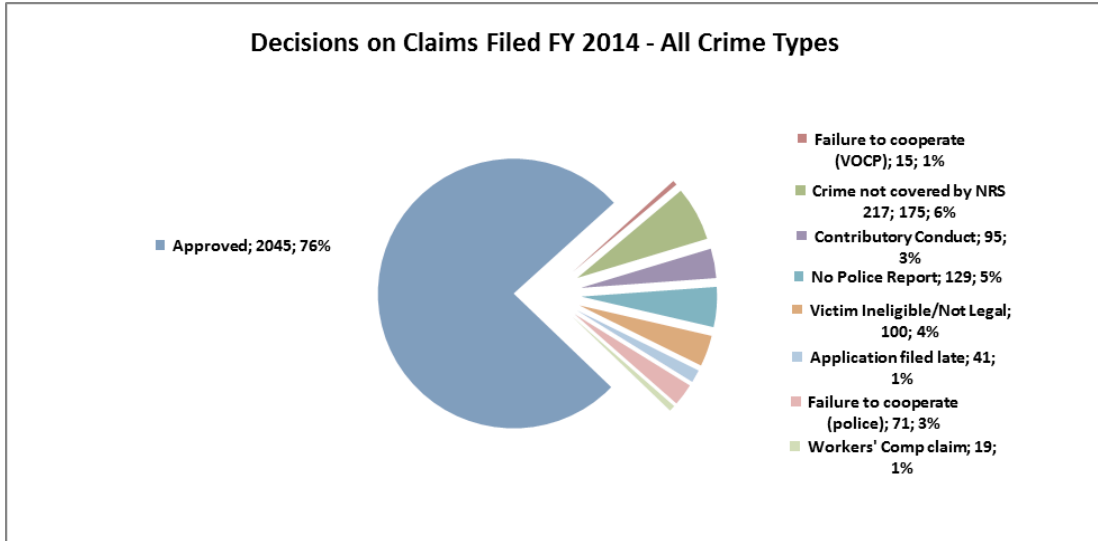
Summary of Benefits Paid

Hospital and medical bills constituted 61% of all victim payments in FY 2014. We satisfied more than \$21 million in hospital and medical billings with less than \$4 million in fee-scheduled payments. The following chart shows the percentage of benefits paid by benefit type during the FY.



Applications Approved and Denied

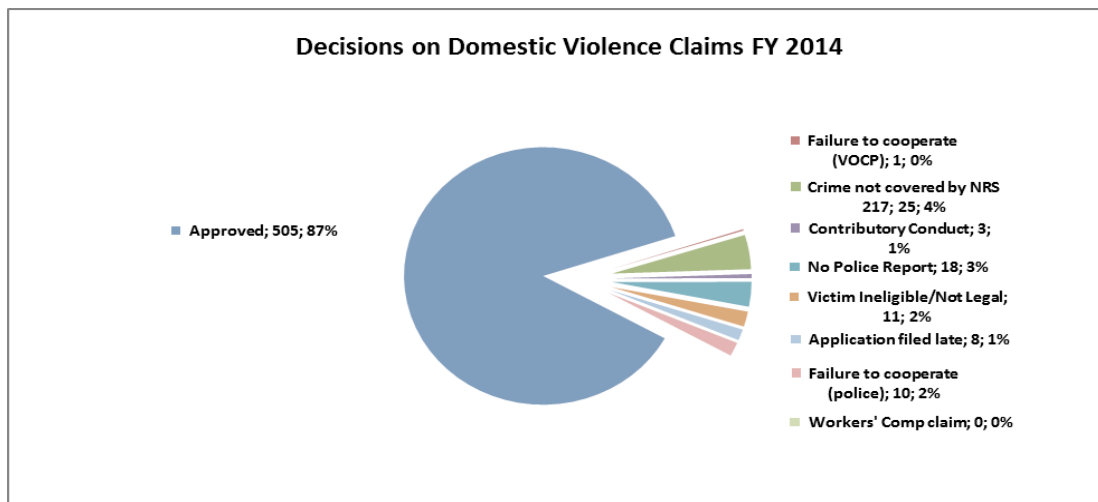
The following chart shows the number of applications approved and denied for FY 2014 with the reason for denial shown by total numbers and percentages. In FY 2014, 76% of applications were approved and 24% were denied.

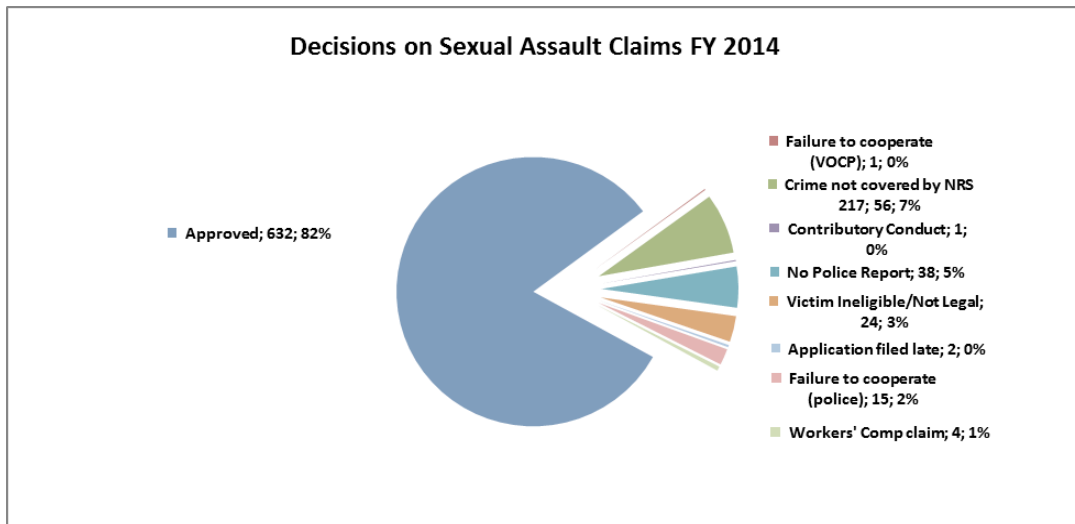


Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Claims

The following charts show the acceptance rate and reasons for denial on Domestic Violence claims in FY 2014 where 76 claims were denied, while 505 claims were approved.

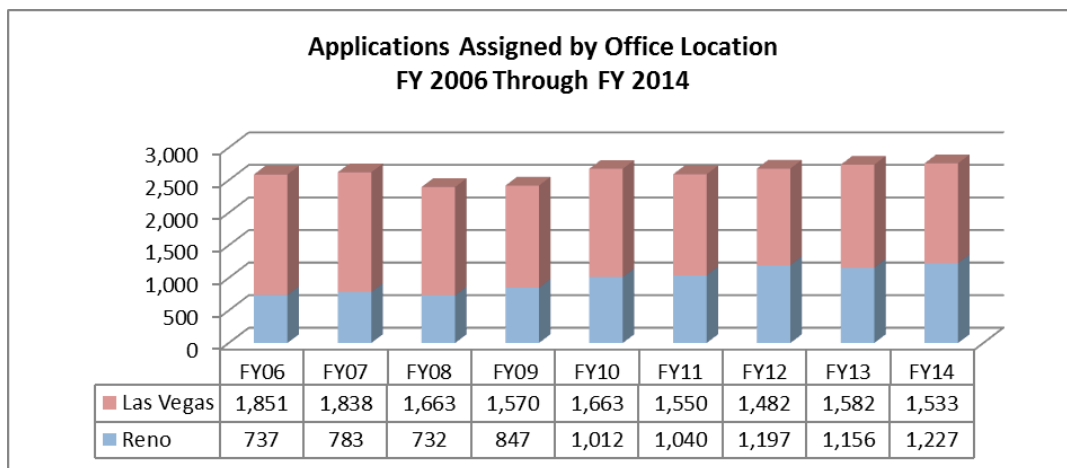
This next chart shows the acceptance rate and reasons for denial in sexual assault claims. In FY 2014, 141 claims were denied, while 632 claims were approved.





Applications Assigned by Office Location

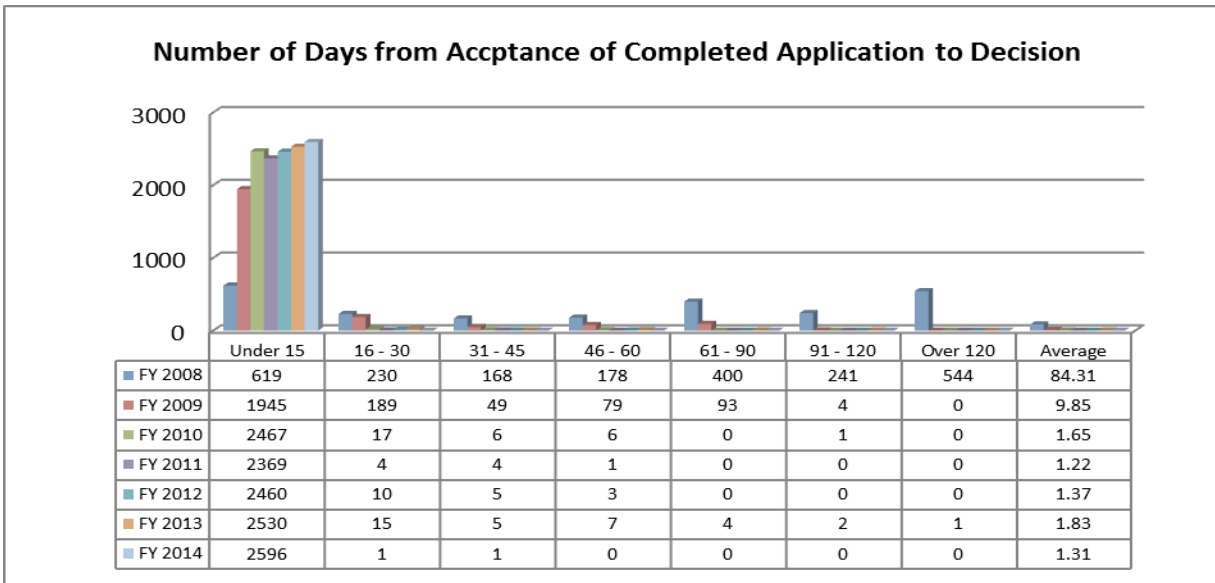
During FY 2014 the VOCP assigned **2,760*** claims to Compensation Officers. The Las Vegas office received **1,533** applications and the Reno office received **1,227** applications. The following chart shows the number of applications assigned by office since FY 2006.



*Note: variations in counts are caused when different criteria is used to produce reports. Applications Received is based on the application received date, and Applications Assigned is based on claim entry date. Claims are entered within one business day of receipt.

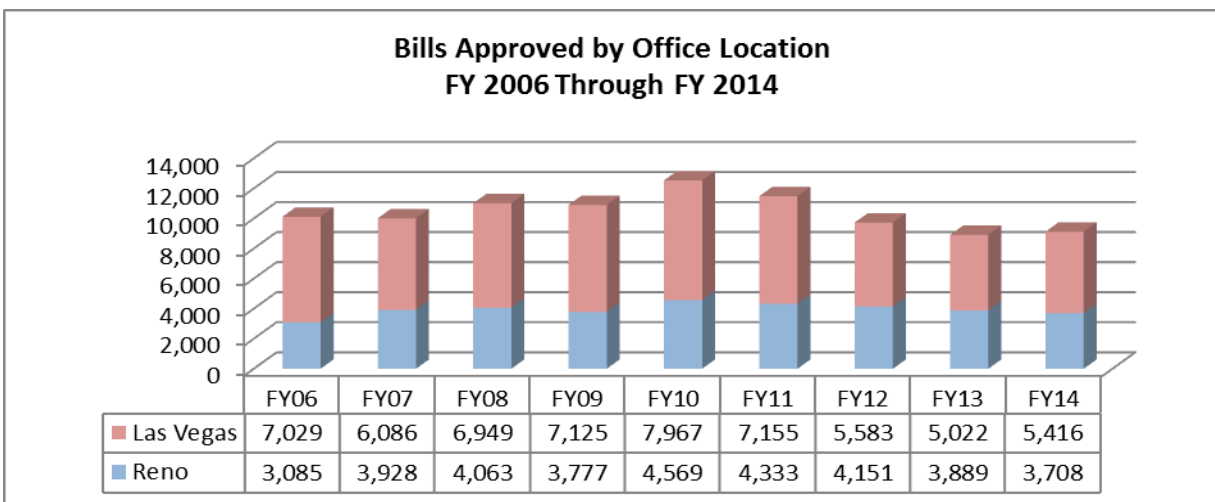
Application Processing

In FY 2014 it took 16.23 days to approve an application when it was submitted *without* a police report. *When an application is submitted with a police report the average time to approval is 31 hours.* As the following chart shows, claim decisions are made within 1.31 days of receipt of a completed application and police report.



Bills Processed by Office Location

One of the most important activities of the VOCP is processing and paying the victim's medical bills, counseling bills, lost wages, and other benefits. All outstanding medical bills, counseling bills, and other crime expenses incurred after claim acceptance are paid *weekly*. All emergency room and other "pre-acceptance" claims are paid by the end of each fiscal year quarter. The following chart shows the actual number of bills processed, by office location, each year since FY 2006.



Impact of Cost Containment Policies

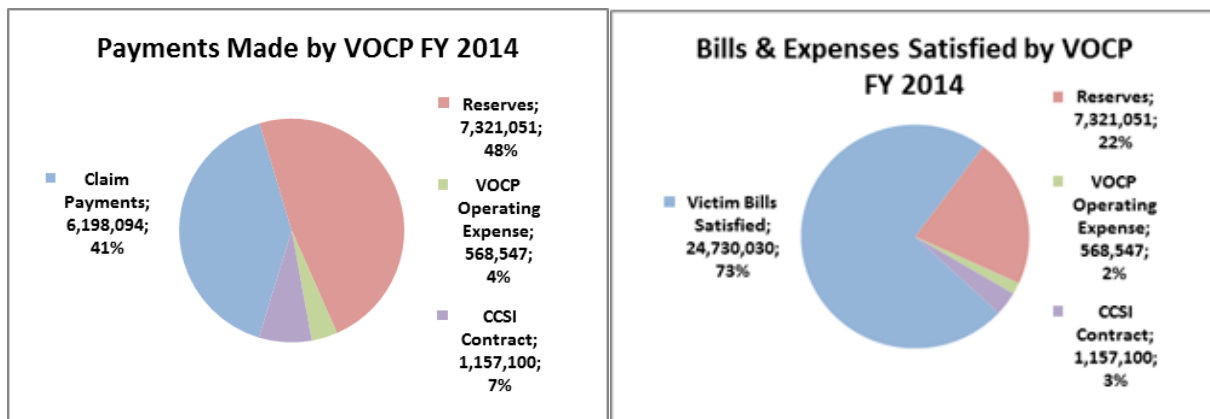
As the following chart shows the VOCP satisfied **\$24,730,030.41** in victim medical bills and claims for **\$6,198,094.25** of available funding in FY 2014. NRS 217.245 provides that a bill is deemed “paid in full” when the vendor accepts partial payment from the VOCP. This statute combined with cost containment policies adopted by the Board of Examiners allowed the VOCP to effectively extend benefits by an additional **\$18,531,936.16** during this fiscal year.

Payment Amounts by Type for FY 2014				
Type of Expense	Number of Bills	Total Victim Bills Submitted	Amount Saved by Bill Review	Amount Paid to Providers
Medical - Hospital	923	18,037,598.11	16,341,005.44	1,696,592.67
Medical - Other	3,244	3,606,037.07	1,538,219.76	2,067,817.31
Dental	239	659,291.90	169,305.97	489,985.93
Counseling	2,519	864,380.37	375,243.58	489,136.79
Lost Wages	288	342,592.49	262.01	342,330.48
Discretionary*	511	417,702.81	3,174.96	414,527.85
Funeral Expense	125	300,305.40	5,340.30	294,965.10
Chiropractic	300	188,231.58	43,651.58	144,580.00
Vision	116	50,185.95	11,801.55	38,384.40
Prescription	488	91,775.61	3,783.30	87,992.31
Survivor Benefits	34	37,674.56	0.00	37,674.56
Physical Therapy	278	134,254.56	40,147.71	94,106.85
Total Payments	9,065	\$24,730,030.41	\$18,531,936.16	\$6,198,094.25

*Discretionary include: emergency relocations, crime scene clean up, childcare, mileage, etc.

Program Administrative Costs as Compared to VOCP Benefits Provided

These charts show the percentage of costs of the VOCP and its contractor CCSI as compared to actual claim expenditures, and as compared to the total value of claims satisfied for the victims during FY 2014.

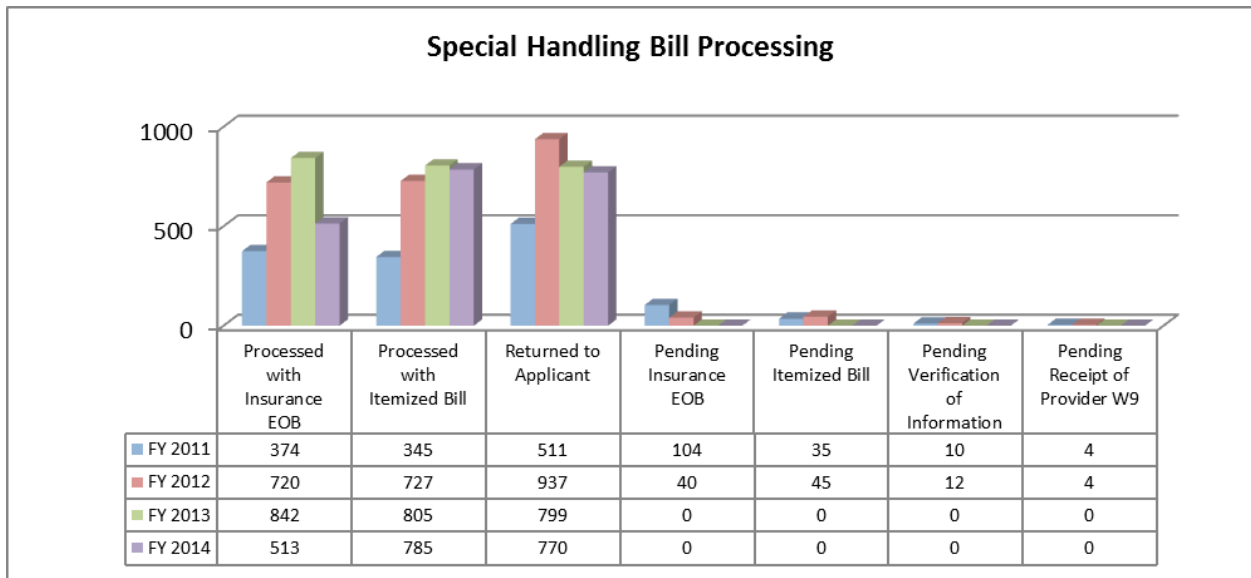


Claims Process

In FY 2011 the VOCP implemented several changes to our workflow. By designing a way to handle backup documentation through the automated claims management system we eliminated paper backlogs created when bills and documents were held pending the receipt of additional documentation necessary to pay a claim.

These changes allow us to manage and track every piece of paper that is submitted to the program, and speed the handling of claims. The multiple efforts that are made to obtain necessary information are documented in the system, and if the program cannot obtain the information necessary to process payment within 60 days, the documents are returned to the victim with a letter detailing what they need to provide before payment can be considered.

This process ensures that victims are aware of their unpaid obligations, and gives them the opportunity to resolve issues before they are subject to collection activity. The following chart shows the number of bills that required special handling, as well as the current count of bills pending the receipt of further information.



FY 2014 Operational Goals

The VOCP and its contractor, CCSI, have been working on some substantial programming changes to our claims management system that will allow us to push more of the data entry activities to CCSI. VOCP staff will review the data entered for accuracy and determine the amount that will be paid on the bill. Outsourcing the basic

data entry allows us to continue operating with minimal staff, and provides another layer of review for payment processing.

Revisions to our system will also provide us with the ability to reserve funds for preauthorized treatment, set limits by benefit type and identify/report discretionary benefits paid by specific benefit type (i.e. relocation, child care expense, etc.). We have been beta testing the new version and expect to roll out these changes within the next 30 days.

Operating Policies were reviewed and updated by the program, and were adopted by the Board of Examiners on May 13, 2014.

Proposed changes in Federal Grant Performance Reporting will require the program to make several changes to forms, policies and systems within the next year. Expanded classification of victims served by type of victimization will require a review and possible reclassification of existing active claims, and new demographic reporting will require significant changes to both forms and systems. The scope of the project will be determined after the OVC finalizes their reporting requirements.

New Issues

In recent months we have seen a noticeable increase by the hospitals and others to enroll victims in Medicare or Medicaid. When victim's medical bills are paid by these sources the Victims of Crime Program realizes a savings. However this results in lower expenditures and reduced matching funds from the Justice Department, essentially transferring the cost of assisting victims to the states Medicare or Medicaid fund.

Our Policies encourage the quick resolution of a victim's medical bills and costs. We do not wait for a victim to be approved by these or other assistance programs. While we do have the statutory ability to subrogate our claims and recover from Medicare or Medicaid we do not believe it is in the interest of the state to do so.

Conclusion

With the cooperation of Nevada's medical providers, particularly the state's hospitals, the VOCP helped *every* approved victim pay *every* crime related expense before their claims were closed.

In FY 2014 this amounts to \$24,730,030.41 in claims resolved with \$6,198,094.25 of VOCP expenditures, a "savings" of \$18,531,936.16.

The increased level of claims paid in FY 2010 resulted in a 52.8% increase in the Federal Grant awarded to Nevada in FY 2012. This allowed us to increase our reserves to an amount sufficient to see us through the current economic downturn. Our reserves

for future claims stand at \$7.3 million. We expect to use these reserves over the next five years as the amount of our Federal Grant decreases.

The policy changes adopted by the Board, combined with the utilization of cost containment practices provided by our contractor have allowed the program to successfully meet the challenges caused by significant state revenue reductions and fluctuations in the annual federal grant award. The Victims of Crime Program continues to meet the financial needs of Nevada's victims of violent crimes and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.