



TENNESSEE SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT REIMBURSEMENT MANAGEMENT

The Board is authorized to reimburse Approved Evaluators and Approved Providers for services provided to sex offenders who are indigent. Indigence is documented by providing a valid court order specifically stating the Offender is indigent for the purposes of the evaluation and that the State is authorized to pay for services. Approved Evaluators or Providers must submit a completed Sex Offender Treatment Notice approved by the supervising officer for documentation of indigence. Treatment professionals are responsible for obtaining proof of the offender's indigence to present with all invoices for reimbursement.

Reimbursement Rates are as follows:

A. Evaluation of Sex Offender Risk – Only TSOTB Approved Evaluators may seek reimbursement

Enhanced Empirical Guided Assessment, Actuarial Risk Assessment, and Social History - \$1800.00

****The total cost of reimbursement for an evaluation shall not exceed \$1800.00. This includes objective testing, should you conduct it. Approved Evaluators who do not personally conduct the objective testing during the course of the evaluation are only eligible for reimbursement in the amount of \$1600.00.***

1. \$1600.00

This type of evaluation is characterized by conducting a complete review of records obtained through the court, TDOC, and the offender. This evaluation includes face-to-face clinical interviews in which clinician identifies the presence of dynamic and static risk factors supported in literature to be associated with risk. In addition, the evaluation should include an actuarial assessment tool (i.e. Static 99) to identify offender's current risk level. Specialized Sex Offender Testing, (i.e. cognitive distortion scales/inventories, attitudes supportive of sexual offending scales/inventories, and sexual interest scales/inventories) are required as part of the evaluation. The evaluation will include a written report which includes the person's assessed risk level and recommendations, as well as any diagnosis, if appropriate. The evaluation shall include information from a variety of sources and does not rely solely on the offender's self-report. The evaluation will speak to risk, amenability to treatment, and potential supervision issues. Multiple Clinical interviews, family interviews, and non-offending spouse interviews shall be mandatory if considering a community placement. Objective testing conducted through the course of an evaluation should be billed directly to the TSOTB by the provider conducting the testing using the TSOTB approved invoice.



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2. \$200.00

Objective Testing, (i.e. detecting deception, polygraph, Layered Voice Analysis, FMRI; detecting deviant interest/arousal, plethysmograph, VASI, Abel Screen, Affinity) shall also be included as part of the evaluation.

*****Evaluations where the client is unable or is unavailable to complete the objective measure cannot be submitted for reimbursement. *****

B. Objective Testing - \$200.00 (VASI, Plethysmograph, Polygraph, e.g.)

****This objective testing is designated for reimbursement for testing completed during the course of sex offender treatment only. All objective testing done during the course of evaluation are reimbursed as listed above under Evaluation of Sex Offender Risk****

Note regarding Polygraph Examinations - The Tennessee Sex Offender Treatment Board recognizes that polygraph services are an important adjunct to treatment services. Although the training, qualification, and approval of polygraph examiners is not within the scope of the Board's mission, TCA 39-13-704(d)(3) does provide that "the board shall coordinate the expenditure of funds from the sex offender treatment fund with any funds expended by any of the departments listed in this subdivision (d)(3) for the identification, evaluation, and treatment of sex offenders." Therefore, for polygraph services to be compensable from the sex offender treatment fund, the service must be identifiable to the current plan of treatment between a TSOTB approved treatment provider and an indigent offender. While the Board does not approve polygraph examiners, the Board must be fiscally responsible for the treatment fund and therefore reimbursement rates for polygraphs will be reimbursed at a rate not to exceed \$200.00.

C. Group Therapy - \$35.00

Reimbursement is for weekly therapy in groups of ten (10) or less conducted for one clinical hour. Administrative duties such as recording attendance and collecting fees are not eligible for reimbursement. Invoices must state that the offender is attending group therapy weekly or provide information that the offender has been placed in a maintenance therapy program. Groups larger than ten (10), groups that follow a 12-step module, and individual therapy is not eligible for reimbursement unless otherwise approved by the Board.

One clinical hour is defined as clinical intervention for the entire sixty (60) minutes. All administrative tasks such as attendance, homework collection, and payments are not eligible for reimbursement.



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The offender's participation in group therapy must have been a recommended intervention, in the completed Sex Offender Risk Evaluation, and a copy of the report of evaluation must have been provided to TDOC.

A Provider may request approval from the Board to hold groups up to twelve (12) with a plan, in writing, that specifies a rationale for the group being over ten (10) and a timeframe for transition to meet the standard group size of ten (10).

Stipulations

1. Treatment Providers must be approved by the Sex Offender Treatment Board and listed in the current Tennessee Sex Offender Treatment Provider Directory in order to seek reimbursement.
2. Indigent Sex Offender Treatment Notice must signed, dated, approved by a supervisor and be attached to the invoice. The Notice must clearly indicate the reason for the exception.
3. It is not the responsibility of the Sex Offender Treatment Board or Tennessee Department of Correction to provide or obtain proof of exemption or indigence.
4. Invoices must include the following information for payment to be processed:
 - a. **Provider Information** - Full and legal name of service provider, Licensure, Certification, if applicable, Complete mailing address for location where services are provided * **home addresses are not acceptable**, Telephone number for location where services are provided, Date of Service, Service Type.
 - b. **Client Information** - Full and legal name of service recipient, Reimbursement claims for polygraph services must include the name of approved treatment provider or the Court Order pursuant to which the service has been provided., State issued offender ID number or Social Security Number
 - c. **Invoice** – the invoice must include an affirmation from the Provider that the evaluation and report has been completed and provided to the court, TDOC, DCS, or requesting body. Any invoice for an evaluation not completed or provided to the requesting body will be denied.

Notice to Providers

Effective January 1, 2018, providers seeking reimbursement for evaluations must be on the Approved Evaluator list. Evaluators may be required to furnish, upon request, a complete copy of the psychosexual evaluation for an offender that indicates DSM diagnosis, treatment modality, expected frequency.

Effective March 1, 2022, all invoices submitted for reimbursement from the indigent fund must include a copy of the prior months' monthly summary for each offender listed as submitted to the supervising agency and a weekly dated roster where the offender's



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signature indicates attendance at the group session. Providers who have been approved for virtual attendance can submit a roster completed by electronic methods.

Effective August 1, 2022, all invoices submitted for reimbursement from the indigent fund must include the signed PDF version as well as the unprotected Excel version of the invoice.

Effective August 31, 2023, any license eligible candidate seeking to be an Approved Provider and working under the license and supervision of an Approved Provider/Approved Evaluator, is eligible for reimbursement services as part of this policy. In order to submit reimbursement for license eligible candidates, the Approved Provider/Approved Evaluator must have approval from the Board through the Presiding Officer.

*****Reimbursement rates are subject to change without prior notice*****

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